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Contract dispute likely settled

Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — The school district has tentatively reached a year-long stalemate with the Albany Teachers' Association over salary increases. Teachers have been working without a contract since June 1993 and haven't received a raise in four years. Contract negotiations stalled last spring when the district offered teachers a .7 percent salary increase in response to the ATA's request for a 2 percent teacher raise. In June nearly 200 teachers packed a school board meeting, putting the district on notice that unless an agreement was reached this summer, the opening of school next week would likely be disrupted.

The agreement reached this week will likely prompt a collective sigh of relief among district administrators, teachers and parents alike.

We reached a tentative agreement (Aug. 24). It will (cover) salaries up through the end of June," Superintendent Dale Hudson said last Friday.

The terms of the agreement will be not made public

as teachers meet to review the terms on Sept. 5, one

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Youth to help clean up graffiti

Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Graffiti is a continuing problem in El Cerrito, discussion of what to do about it has also been ongoing for some time. Three upcoming projects will involve the city's youth in graffiti-free engineering and maintenance supervisor Mori and Jane Del Simone, president of the El Cerrito High School, met two weeks ago with El Cerrito High School principal Paul Daniels and two teachers to discuss a mural project along the Ohlone Greenway.

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Kopp defends claim on Einstein trust

Marc Breinde

Albert Einstein's trust "speaks for itself," State Senator Quentin Kopp (D-San Francisco) said yesterday. Kopp is suing Berkeley Lawyer Michael Ferguson, who is allegedly hiding \$15 million in letters and a manuscript Einstein's granddaughter, Evelyn Einstein. Kopp rejected Ferguson's defense that Evelyn Einstein misinterprets the intent of the trust, as recently Ferguson discounted Einstein's claim, the 54-year-old Albany resident is just one of beneficiaries of her grandfather's trust. Kopp said that statement as imprecise.

Evelyn Einstein and her brother (Bernard Einstein) are the primary beneficiaries of the trust," Kopp explained. Both siblings must die before any of the others



Chester King Vega

Cities join forces for creek cleanup

Ed Phillips, El Cerrito's interim community development manager, was one among El Cerrito and Albany city volunteers who descended on Cerrito Creek bordering the El Cerrito Plaza in a cleanup effort last Friday after a resident complained of accumulated garbage. Cleanup efforts will continue, see story page 7.

inherit a portion of the trust, Kopp said.

Ferguson's has reportedly also described "a fractious relationship" between Einstein and her stepmother, Elizabeth Einstein. Ferguson said the elder Einstein, who established the trust 11 years ago, never intended for her stepdaughter to receive half.

"The trust speaks for itself," Kopp responded. "It doesn't require interpretation."

Kopp added that Elizabeth Einstein "had 11 years to change the trust," if she had wished to clarify its purpose prior to the current suit. "As the trustor, she can change the trust, she can abolish the trust, she could have removed Evelyn from the trust. She did not."

Kopp pointed out that Ferguson himself wrote the trust, and should therefore respect its wording. "It ill behoves him to make a statement like that," Kopp said

of Ferguson's conjecture on the trust's intent.

In another newspaper, Ferguson has also challenged the value of the trust. Evelyn Einstein estimates the documents' worth at \$15 million, and Ferguson said they were originally worth only \$80,000.

"That's not the point," responded Kopp, who said the real issue is "the injustice which has been visited upon (Evelyn Einstein) by failure and refusal to inform her of a trust ..."

Einstein said she learned of the trust on April 20, when her nephew Thomas Einstein mentioned it at a luncheon. Thomas Einstein is a co-trustee, and is charged along with Ferguson (an original co-trustee who said he resigned in January) with "fraud and deceit of scandalous proportions."

Ferguson could not be reached for comment.

Plaza owner pledges aid

Bilak will help fund study

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Milton Bilak, owner of the small shop space, the Lucky site and about half the parking lot at El Cerrito Plaza, has agreed to contribute \$2,500 to help fund a study of the Plaza's south side, focusing on Cerrito Creek.

"This is definitely a good news item," said Redevelopment Agency manager Gerry Raycraft, who met with Bilak in southern California earlier this summer, along with administrative services manager Jim Randall.

For the most part, El Cerrito Plaza belongs to three separate owners. (The R&P gas station is privately owned.) The Emporium owns its own site and splits ownership of the parking lot with Bilak. Long's Drugs owns its own stores and has an agreement for jurisdiction over the parking lot with the other two major owners.

For some time, the El Cerrito City Council has discussed the possibility of a study of El Cerrito Plaza, one that would perhaps include its surrounding environs. Some weeks ago, a representative of Broadway Stores, owner of the Emporium, had suggested the company would be willing to help fund some kind of study.

Recently, however, Broadway stores was bought out by Federated Department Stores; now its future is in doubt. Federated has said it will keep open as many stores as possible, though they will be converted to either Macy's or Bloomingdale's. Federated's analysis of the El Cerrito store's health and success could be the determining factor in whether it will be closed or converted.

According to city planner Ed Phillips, city staff has communicated to Federated "our hope (and) ... expectation that this would be an excellent site for one of their stores, our willingness to participate with them... and our welcome to them as a partner in our efforts to upgrade the Plaza."

At one point last year, a representative of the Emporium chain said the El Cerrito store was considered a highly successful one, particularly in the area of women's clothing sales. Sales tax revenues generated by the Emporium generate in excess of about \$200,000 yearly in El Cerrito, according to administrative services manager Jim Randall; the city's projected revenues this year total about \$12.2 million from a variety of sources.

"We think the store has an excellent location, relative to what we believe is a substantial market with a number of affluent communities within a five-mile radius," said Phillips.

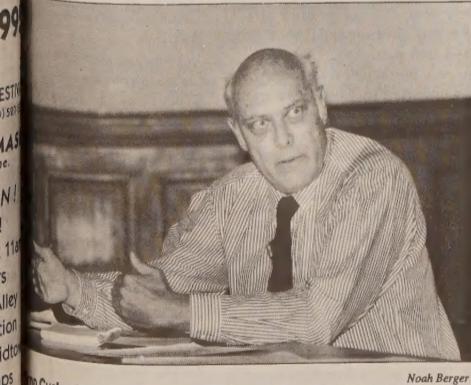
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'Hopefully the ownership will be more aggressive in looking at an integrated center.'

— GERRY RAYCRAFT, EC REDEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Facing off: Affirmative action sparks debate in Albany



Noah Berger

California Civil Rights Initiative that may appear on the 1996 ballot and could end affirmative action in state government and education if passed.

The initiative was co-authored by Glynn Custred, a professor of Anthropology at California State University at Hayward and Tom Wood, Executive Director of the California Association of Scholars, and was filed at the state Attorney General's Office Aug. 7.

The one-hour program Aug. 23, featuring a panel of five, including

Custred and an audience of about 50, was the first in a series intended to "get people thinking and talking about this very emotional issue," said moderator Belva Davis of KRON.

"Tonight our goal is to reach a common language," said Davis as the program began. "When we finally go to the ballot...we'll be voting on the words....We're trying to make sure that people have a clear understanding of what they're voting on," she said.

She proposed the group discuss

and define words such as preference, merit, quotas and equality. But most who spoke had come prepared to fight the battle, not lay down the ground rules.

"Did we solve the problem, or even define the terms? No, I don't think we did," said KRON Producer Stacy Owen after the program.

"It ended up being more of a debate than I wanted," she said.

The audience was made up of students, firefighters, lawyers, city leaders, academics, rights advocates



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and other citizens from around the Bay Area. About 25 audience members, representing a political balance, were invited, but another 25 showed up, said Owen.

Albany was chosen because of its small neighborhood feel and political mix of residents, she said.

The CCRI will appear on the November 1996 election ballot if 700,000 signatures supporting the initiative can be collected during a five-month period. Signatures will be solicited by volunteers, paid petitioners and direct mail, said

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■ El Cerrito History

By Edward Stoneford
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The following is a monthly series.

In 1821 the Mexican Republic replaced the Spanish monarchy to inaugurate its 27-year rule of California. The national government, embroiled in political conflicts at home, was never able to manage effectively its California territory. Mexican governors appointed by the national government had running feuds with California rancheros in operating the territorial government.

California's development in the Mexican period reached a peak under Juan Bautista Alvarado, a ranchero from the Monterey area who became the first native son to be governor. While in office (1836-1841), Alvarado married Martina, oldest daughter of Francisco Castro. This marriage was to have important bearing on the Castro family fortunes.

The national government generously distributed lands among the Californios to build up cattle ranchos and other enterprises for economic development of the territory. A rancho was a large feudal estate which comprised the adobe dwelling for the ranchero's big family, huts and other buildings for Indian servants and workers, orchards and gardens for fruits and vegetables, and fields for livestock pasture and grain crops.

Ranchos contained corrals and rodeo areas for annual cattle brandings and slaughterings

for processing cattle hides, tallow, and beef. Ranchos located near a waterfront also had an *embarcadero* or wharf for shipping such products. The rancheros generally traded cattle products with Yankee sea captains for manufactured articles and other merchandise brought from New England around Cape Horn.

Among the leading rancheros on the *contra costa*, after Luis Peralta in the Berkeley-Oakland area, were Ignacio Martinez in the Carquinez Straits area, Joaquin Moraga in the Orinda-Lafayette area, and Francisco Castro in the San Pablo area.

Rancheros lived a leisurely existence, punctuated by hard work and hard play. Their life was abundant in basic necessities but sparing in luxuries. They had close family ties and intermarried with neighbors, as in the case of Francisco's children who married into the Martinez and Moraga families. The rancheros were noted for their personal code of honor, strict morals, boundless hospitality to friends and strangers, and preoccupation with sports and gambling. Rancho life was a continuous round of rodeos, siestas and fiestas.

Francisco Castro was a pioneer ranchero of the *contra costa*. He was born in Sinaloa, Mexico, in 1775. His parents were Joaquin Ysidro Castro and his wife Maria Bertilla, who came with their families in the Anza party to California in 1776. Francisco joined the military and for over a decade was attached to the San Francisco presidio where he did duty as artilleryman and mission

guard before retiring with the rank of corporal.

He settled in San Jose pueblo where he was *alcalde* (mayor) in 1800 and served on the *diputacion* (territorial legislature) in 1823, achieving some distinction in local politics. Francisco married Gabriela Berryessa, daughter of a prominent ranchero in the Napa area, and eventually had 11 children.

Francisco established his family domicile at Rancho San Pablo, which embraced present-day Richmond, San Pablo and El Cerrito. He petitioned the governor for a concession in 1817 to the *potrero* (grazing land) of San Pablo, then known as Los Cuchigunes, but was turned down because of the mission padres' claim to the area.

While serving on the *diputacion* in 1823, he applied again for Los Cuchigunes and received a temporary grant of the three leagues which was issued by the governor and approved by the *diputacion*. Later that year he moved his family and livestock from San Jose to San Pablo, locating his rancho casa between San Pablo and Wildcat creeks. A French visitor in 1827 described the pleasant life of the thriving rancho, emphasizing the congenial hospitality of Don Francisco and his large family with their Indian servants and workers.

Francisco died in 1831, leaving his widow a half-share among the surviving children. Joaquin, Francisco's fifth child and administrator of his estate, secured from the governor in 1834 and 1835 final title to four square leagues of Rancho San Pablo for the family heirs.

and the guns were confiscated. They were able to keep the potatoes since they were reclassified from ammunition to food.

• On the evening of Aug. 18 a woman on the 500 block of Curtis Street found her dog lying in her back yard with its stomach bloated and raw hamburger in its mouth. The dog was rushed to the veterinarian but did not live. There was no evidence as to who poisoned the dog.

• Thieves used bolt cutters to cut the combination lock off bicycles belonging to a resident on the 600 block of Spokane Avenue on Aug. 19. They stole the bikes and departed unseen.

• On the afternoon of Aug. 20 three thieves broke into a residence on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue, stole an Alpha Sailboard and sail, a duffle bag and bicycles. There were no witnesses.

• On the afternoon of Aug. 20 a man entered a receptionist's cubicle at Golden Gate Fields, and stole a 13" television. He told a witness outside the building that he was a TV repairman.

• On the afternoon of Aug. 21 vandals took two begonia plants from the front porch of a residence on the 1100 block of Key Route Boulevard, threw them into the street and departed unseen.

• At about 1 a.m. on Aug. 22 officers observed a man urinating in a phone booth on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue. A check revealed he was from Richmond and had two outstanding warrants, one from San Mateo for \$2,500 and one from Oakland for \$1,000. He was arrested and held for pickup by Oakland police.

• Between noon on Aug. 15 and noon on Aug. 23 a thief entered a

residence on the 700 block of Gateview Street, stole from under the bed and departed unseen.

• Thieves stole a Honda Prelude from a man from a parking lot on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue the night of Aug. 24. There were no witnesses.

• Between 6:30 and 7 a.m. on Aug. 26, 26 thieves parked a 1984 Nissan Sentra on the 1000 block of Spokane Avenue. There were no witnesses.

• On the evening of Aug. 18 a woman left her car on the 1100 block of Land Avenue and the car and thieves stole it. There were no witnesses.

• At about 11:30 p.m. on Aug. 18 an 18-year-old El Cerrito man reported that while he was walking north on Key Route he was approached by two men in a tan, four-door vehicle. The occupants exited the vehicle and demands were made from the El Cerrito man. He refused, quickly left the area and called police. The car and pants departed north on Key Route.

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• A Richmond man was arrested for driving under the influence at San Pablo and Cutting Boulevard on Aug. 10.

• An Oakland man was arrested for taking clothing worth \$700 from the Emporium. The suspect fled from a male firefighter and gave a false name. The incident occurred about 3:29 p.m. and the suspect was not identified.

• A Berkeley man was arrested for using a fake credit card at the Emporium.

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Newsline

Lions Club

Lions Club of Kensington will be holding a membership of over 1000 dedicated people who are willing to give time, talent, and energy to the needs of their communities. Lions Clubs promote sight saving, conservation, youth activities, senior groups, and numerous community service activities. Meetings are held every Tuesday at noon at Ristorante La Fontana, 385 Colusa Ave., Kensington. Application forms are available at Al Caruso Associates, Colusa Ave., 527-4640.

Toddler Time returns
Toddler Time with Linda Zittel will be held at the Albany Library Saturday, Sept. 16. Zittel will present stories, puppets, stretches and songs every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. from Sept. 16 through Nov. 18. The program for toddlers, 18 to 36 months, is free. Pre-registration is required. Call the Children's desk 527-3720.

Working to remain

El Cerrito - City staff will recommend that parking be prohibited at all times on Central Avenue from Carlson Boulevard to 10th Street.

Citizen had made the request; parking can become quite congested along the street, a major relatively narrow access to the freeway from El Cerrito. Recently, street repair work has changed the situation.

Responses to the request, staff consulted with a traffic engineer, and advice of the El Cerrito P.D. conducted an informal survey to determine conditions. Letters were sent to owners and occupants of the street to solicit their input. The P.D. has advised residents that changes in the current parking restrictions will be recommended. At present time, restrictions on commuter traffic. Parked prohibited westbound from 9th to 9 a.m. and eastbound 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Allowing parking at other times will call Central Park users to the park and will allow them to park in front of their homes and to receive deliveries.

The police department will be

Kept to continue and enhance enforcement during peak hours of current restrictions.



Chester King Vega

Uphill effort

Albany resident Ruth Meniketti, 74, cut blackberry vines on Albany Hill last Saturday in an effort to reduce the potential fire hazard and preserve the hill's ecology. Some 15 volunteers gathered for the project, which has been an on-going effort partially funded by the Department of Urban Forestry.

Viewpoint

Take arguments against affirmative action seriously

By David Maloney

How come we never see a proponent of affirmative action resign from his or her job with the proviso that it be given to a qualified minority? The Aug. 4 issue of The Journal contained an opinion piece entitled "Angry White Guys for Affirmative Action" which reminded me of this question.

The article was signed by eight men who listed their occupational titles after their signatures. All of them had what would be called "good" jobs. It seems that all too often people who support government-sponsored social welfare programs want them implemented at the expense of anyone but themselves.

Many of the statements made in the article reflect the lack of thought that characterizes the liberals' position on affirmative action. Take this one, for instance: "It is hypocritical and

profoundly wrong to call affirmative action for minorities 'racism in reverse,' while treating affirmative action for bankers, farmers, white men of power, as entitlements."

Obviously, the author is unaware of the plight of American farmers today. No matter what the color of their skin, they are being driven off the land in record numbers by mortgage foreclosures. When the authors call farmers "white men of power" they illustrate the problem usually associated with affirmative action defenses. They're based on vague generalities that don't hold up under scrutiny.

Another example: "What is wrong is the smug psychology of the Governor Wilsons, the Pat Buchanans, who take advantage of all kinds of breaks for themselves, while denying affirmative action for the most oppressed areas of society." Is there any information about the issue being given in this statement? No.

By not taking the arguments

against affirmative action seriously; by not debating in a factual manner; but, instead, by using pat phrases based on dubious assumptions which take the form of liberal mantras, the defenders of affirmative action show the weakness of their arguments.

I'm retired from the Oakland Fire Department. When I was in the department there was a gentleman who had blue eyes and whose skin was whiter than mine. Both sets of his grandparents emigrated to the United States from northern Spain. Of course he had a Hispanic last name, which made him eligible for affirmative action preference.

Unfortunately, his is not an isolated case of affirmative action gone awry. Proof that affirmative action programs have become so antithetical to individual achievement based on merit is that their most notable defender, President Clinton, invented a phrase, "mend it,

don't end it," which would not have been invented had its programs not been harmful.

The most frightening aspect of affirmative action is that it has become bureaucratically institutionalized, meaning affirmative action programs incorporate all the irrationality associated with mindless bureaucracies.

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While I strenuously disagree with the way affirmative action has been implemented, I don't

entirely disagree with its concept. I believe there should be affirmative action programs — but only for one group of people: African-Americans who can prove that they are descended from blacks who lived in the United States before 1964, when the Civil Rights Act was passed.

These African-Americans belong to the only group of people which was brought to the United States against its will; theirs is the only group which was enslaved. Affirmative action, though, has become so unjustifiably broad in its application that it is doomed. Practically every group except white males is considered an oppressed minority!

The philosopher Santayana defined fanaticism as redoubling effort while losing sight of purpose. The actions of those who favor affirmative action fit this definition. Those actions have created a backlash that will sweep away all affirmative action programs. Unfortunately, the programs for the group that deserves them, African-Americans, will also be swept away.

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Judah L. Magnes Museum: "How Many Times?", bronze figures of homeless women and men by Florence Smith, through Sept. 3, "Fabrics of Life: Introduction to the Magnes Museum Summer Workshop" free slideshow of Italian Jewish art and life, "Extraordinary Californians," through Nov. 5, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, 549-6950.

Mediterranean Gallery: Through Sept. 2, Group show and mural dedication: Chappel-Holt, Leon Kennedy, Adam Clay, and Guy Colwell, Sept. 3 through 30, Group Show of original artworks by David Maung, Hal Bright Cloud, Joel Connolly, and Guy Colwell. Opening on Sept. 3, 5 to 8 p.m. Cafe Med, Telegraph Ave. between Haste and Dwight, Berkeley, 644-9819.

Pop Paintings: Through Oct. 7, An exhibition of recent paintings by Tony Speier titled, "Pop Songs." Reception for the artist on Aug. 11, 6 p.m., M. Low & Co., 1519 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Kala Institute: Through Sept. 2: The works of Michele Scott and Gayle Tanaka.

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"What if...?" Through August, an exhibition of quilts by contemporary quilt artist Deanna Davis. New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley, 527-6779.

Support groups, self-help

African-American Book Club: Meets last Thursday of each month. South Berkeley Branch Library, 1901 Russell, Berkeley, 415-773-9558.

Alzheimer's: and related disorders Monday Enrichment Program sponsored by the Claremont Center: music, dancing and fellowship; St. John's Church Center, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. For info: 444-0243.

Bereavement Support Groups: individual grief counseling available; 889-1104.

Jitterbug Club: 2nd Saturday of month. The Northern California Lindy Society supporting the flourishing of the Lindy (original swing dance). 486-0202.

Solo Sierrans: The San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club, for singles, over 40, offering fun, friendship, and an opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor, social and cultural activities; 652-4928.

Turning Point Career Center: Support group for job seekers and career changers; self-assessment for career direction program (\$110 nonmembers); 644-6107.

includes two hours of individual career counseling; 2600 Bancroft, Berkeley, 848-6370.

Overeaters Anonymous: Meets every Saturday, 8:30 a.m.: Newcomers meet at 8 a.m.: St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Room 203, 2nd floor, Berkeley, 273-9292 or 841-8562.

Pilately Meeting: For Stamp collectors; first and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m.; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley; 526-5397 or 643-8670.

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Emeryville, every Tuesday, 700 Heinz St. (north of Ashland St.), 540-6230; El Cerrito, every day from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at Child Care Center Clubhouse, 526-3710; St. John's Masters Club: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday, 12:10 - 1:30 p.m.; Room 2125 Berkeley Way, 643-8670.

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Environmental Health Network: Support and information for people with environmental illness/multiple chemical sensitivities; (415) 541-5075.

Le Tip International: Organization for independent business people; Wednesday mornings at 7:15 a.m.; 528-6767 for info.

Stroke Group: First Tues. of month, 4 to 5 p.m.: For stroke survivors, families and friends; 204-4503. Also, Caregiver Support Group: 2nd and 4th Weds; 204-4496; Both at Herrick Campus; 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley.

Alcoholics Anonymous: call for meeting times: 839-8900.

Toastmasters: On campus, Every Tuesday 6:15-7:15 p.m.: 2515 Hillegas Ave (English Language Center); 970-4355. In Albany, first and third Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., 233-0268. Berkeley

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Peggy Thow

School starts Wednesday, Sept.

When the kids go back to school, everybody goes back to school — teachers, administrators, and parents, too. Already we have a full schedule of meetings to report. And I, like kids, am looking forward to seeing some of my friends again for a whole summer.

In a small school district like ours, parents can get to know each other well. Our children may be in different elementary schools, but everyone meets in middle school and high school.

We're a relatively small population with a lot of differences in common. We also have a lot to teach each other, whether our involvement is in elementary, middle, or high school. It can be fun to think of these years not as separate levels, but one continuous spectrum.

For example, it may be hard to imagine your elementary school child in an AMS classroom, but the fact is that the new Middle School is being built for today's students. And decisions made at the high school will affect this year's AMS students.

There are many ways you can help shape the future in Albany's schools. You can start by attending some of the meetings listed below. Be assured that your voice is needed and your time will be well spent.

HS reunion set

The Spring and Fall Classes of 1940 will have a reunion commemorating the 55th anniversary of their graduation from Berkeley High School.

This reunion will be held at the

Marin Marriott Hotel on

Time to Mark Calendars.

During the school year, PTA meets regularly at the following times and locations:

- Cornell: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Library
- Marin: 2nd Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Marin Library
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- High School: 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., AHS Library.

PTA Council will meet monthly, on dates announced in this column. The next PTA Council meeting is the Fall Retreat, on Saturday, Sept. 9. We meet in the Edith Stone Room of the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The district's K-12 Facilities meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 7, at 5 p.m., in the Cornell Library.

Ice Cream and Education.

The new Albany Education Foundation is holding a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7, for volunteers to help with the Ice Cream Social on Oct. 22. The meeting is at the Cornell Library at 7:30 p.m. You can also volunteer by calling Foundation board members Sally Outis (525-5927) or Dolores Dalton (527-7570).

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cornell Multi-Use Room.

Thursday, Sept. 21. The reception will be held from 3 to 6 p.m., followed by dinner commencing at 6:30 p.m.

For further details and/or reservations, please contact John McElheney at 848-0943.



Duo takes first place

West County residents, Dallas McMurray and Jonathan DeVoto took first place in the Junior Division of the Talent Competition held Sunday Aug. 6, at the Contra Costa County Fair in Antioch.

Jonathan and Dallas are both students at Katie's Dance Studio in El Cerrito. Their winning routine was a tap duet to "Johnny Be Good."

The boys have performed in several dance competitions locally and statewide including a performance at Disneyland in July. They also performed at the July Fourth Celebration in El Cerrito.

Dallas is 10-years-old and a

sixth grader at Castro School. He is the son of Alfred and Janet McMurray of El Cerrito.

Jonathan is 9-years-old and also a fifth grader at Castro. Jonathan is the son of Sharon DeVoto of El Cerrito.

In the Senior Division of the Talent Competition, second place was awarded to the tap duo of Trina Maltsberger and Justin Cole. They are students at Katie's Dance Studio as well.

Trina is a senior at Miramonte High School and is the daughter of John and Katie Maltsberger of Martinez. Justin is attending college and is the son of Tom and Jane Cole of Pinole.

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School board candidates respond to questions

By Dawn Frasier

compared to 12,000 suspensions in the WCUSD.

He said there was "a lot of room for doing some very creative things (to reduce suspensions) and to emulate what they're doing."

Among those things, he said, the San Francisco school district has been holding each school site accountable for its actions.

"The school board sets the tone," said Harris-Pitts, urging that, when Superintendent Herb Cole retires, a new superintendent be found "who will ... emphasize (the) empowering (of) the community."

Such empowering was a theme in Harris-Pitts' remarks.

Involvement, she said, should be encouraged at the school site level by the vice-principal, who should invite people into the classroom and train them on appropriate involvement.

She also advocates a policy called, "Listen Up," which makes the board "accountable for listening to complaints and collecting input ... from the community."

Price accused the current board of having a poor attitude toward volunteers. He said, for example, that volunteers asking for help in finding room to start a PTA organization at Grant School met a silent response from the board.

Referring to several "successful experiments," such as the parents' multicultural committee at Harding, he said there must be a plan for copying success.

Price is a resident of El Cerrito and lives in the neighborhood of Fairmont Elementary. Neighbors of all ages, he said, are disturbed that "there is no way to get involved in the schools."

The subject of school suspensions was raised several times by the challengers in the board race. Price, for example, compared 1993-94 district statistics (the only ones now available) to San Francisco's. He said the SFUSD had only 3,000 suspensions out of a district with twice as many students (62,000)

"Finances has taken all the time I've had on the board," she said.

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Music teacher brings new life to AHS band

"For the first half of the school year, the Albany High School band had a succession of different temporary instructors. Mr. Tom Lilienthal stepped into this difficult situation at the beginning of the second semester, and since then there has been a great improvement in the morale and performance of the band. This improvement was already evident at the Superintendent's Concert in March."

Lora Teitler wrote this letter to me in May, and although I was deeply interested, I couldn't follow it up until this month. In the interim Lora Teitler wrote me a note about the wonderful concert of the jazz group Tom Lilienthal had initiated for the young musicians. I was certainly sorry to miss that.

So it was with great anticipation that I finally met with this talented musician and teacher. And it proved to be a delight.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Marin County, Lilienthal was always interested in music, although "music was one thing my parents did not care much about." However, he adds, "they felt it was up to me, and I was already doing something with music," having started playing the trumpet in the 5th grade and continued through high school.

Having spent one high school year in Arizona, Tom went to the University of Arizona as a music major. "I really missed the trees and the ocean while I was there, though. They are very important to me."

He speaks of his college training with some lack of enthusiasm. He really received very little basic training in music during his school years, but in college they assumed that you had these basics. He ultimately finished his college training in Cal State Hayward while playing with a "top 40s" band.

He went into the army as a trumpet player. However, at one point the officers' club wanted a small combo, for which they needed a string bass player. Lilienthal told them, "I was a music major. If you tell me where the notes are and what each string is, I can figure out the rest." And that was how he turned to the bass. And when, after his

service in the army, he went to Cal State Hayward, he switched to the string bass as his major.

Many things happened to him during his time at Hayward. He was in the orchestra, he was, as noted, with a band, and he got married, moved to Berkeley, and had a son. Although he has since been divorced, his son remains a very important part of his life, and he glows a bit as he reports that son Todd has left for Colorado where he will be a freshman at the university there.

His musical experiences grew. In about 1976 he started a R&B band (that's Rhythm and Blues for the uneducated, such as I). The Festival Band is still going today. At the same time he continued doing "top 40 road work." He speaks of playing in Sun Valley, Idaho, where he received free lodging and food, etc., being free to play all day and "work" (with the band) at night. "An ideal vacation."

Changing his focus from "top 40" to jazz and R&B, he worked at Mountain Jacks in Walnut Creek. It was while they were playing there that Tom Fogarty (of Creedence Clearwater fame) came in, and was very enthusiastic about the band. So enthusiastic that he decided to do an album with the group. The album and the group, with Fogarty, became very popular, and, says Tom, "I learned a lot from him."

Lilienthal started a company called Festival Music Productions, contracting live music for corporate parties, etc. After he hired someone "who knew what she was doing," the business grew, moved to San Francisco, and continued until the building they were in was damaged by the earthquake. It was then that he realized that he really wanted to go into teaching.

All this time his Festival Band was playing: with Chubby Checkers, in the Concord Jazz Festival, the Monterey Jazz Festival, and so forth.

But now, he decided, he really wanted to teach music in high schools. It meant going back to school to renew his credential, while substituting in Benicia, followed by four years at Terra Linda High in Marin. Taking a year's leave of absence, and after a few seminars (that really showed that I

should be a high school music teacher), he took the position at Albany High, although it was only with concert band and part time. "Once the kids knew I was not going to leave, they really got into the program. They really get the credit for the success we have had. They decided they wanted to go for it. We made great music, had a good time, and I really came to love the community, the job and the whole thing."

As with all schools, the music program at Albany High was decimated, with only the chorus and concert band available. But the kids wanted jazz. With the help of the Boosters and the head of the adult school, they set up a class for the kids to come work on a jazz band. The first night, eight youngsters came. The next meeting there were 28. This was the group that gave the concert Lora Teitler spoke of. "The kids educated me," Tom says. "You have to earn their respect. And you have to learn to listen to them."

He speaks of his sail boat, which he keeps in the Delta, and the wonderful times he and his son have there; of classes he has taken and is taking, and the wonder of "being a student again." He will teach again in Marin next year, but continue teaching two nights in Albany High, plus playing with bands every week — "all stuff I look forward to."

Thank you, Lora Teitler, for writing to me about Tom Lilienthal. I certainly did enjoy our meeting.

And, again, please give me your input. Write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call 525-4585.

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Brenda McKinley (right), past president, Ruth Vietti (center), president, Dolores Makin, installing officer and institute deputy.

EL CERRITO — Installation of Officers of Mother of Perpetual Help Institute No. 159, Young Ladies Institute was recently held with Ruth Vietti as President.

Dolores Mackin, Institute Deputy of Laurentian Institute, Oakland, was installing officer. Her corps of officers are: Brenda McKinley, Past President, Ramona Bradley, First Vice President, Mary Ellen Corvello, Second Vice President, Martha Catano, Corresponding Secretary, Marie Valladao, Financial Secretary, Evelyn Braga, Treasurer, Christine Hickey, Marshall, Inside Sentinel, Jessie Perez, and Trustees, Josephine Lucy, Lorraine Ostrowski, Anna Cardella, Anna Mascaro, and Thelma Soldavini.

President Ruth Vietti and her Officers met to formulate for the coming year.

At the 92nd Grand Convention held in Modesto, Marilyn Walter of Rancho Cordova was elected as Grand President of the 128 institutes which comprise as Grand Institute. "Women and Cancer" is her special project for the ensuing year.

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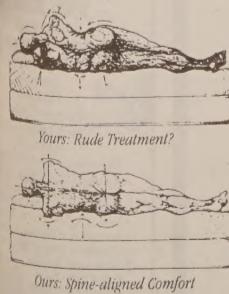
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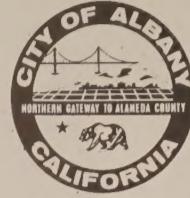
■ Albany City News

Cerrito Creek Cleanup

The city of Albany and the city of El Cerrito joined forces Aug. 25, to clean up Cerrito Creek. Two representatives from each city and community volunteers met at the Talbot Street entrance to the El Cerrito Plaza at 1:30 p.m. to take on the task.

The cities' goal was to remove litter and debris from the city creeks before the rainy season. The intent is to keep debris from flowing to San Francisco Bay.

Many volunteers are still needed. Volunteers are needed for future cleanups and will work with firefighters and other



city staff. If residents are interested in volunteering to clean up portions of Albany creeks, contact the City of Albany Community Development and Environmental Resources Department, 528-5760.

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Deadline for fall planting applications is Sept. 8. Applications received after that will be included in the spring 1996 tree planting list. Albany has 2,500 street trees and

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By Lisa Bullwinkel, Executive Director

■ Solano Avenue Association News

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The reviewing stand for the parade is at Sumitomo Bank at Santa Fe and Solano avenues, so make sure the judges can see your entry number.

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Banner design winner

The winter banner design for Solano Avenue was selected from a number of submissions from people in the Albany-Berkeley area.

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Multimedia Notes

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TV Nudes: Channel 44's second-year UPN Network (motto: "We Dumped Everything But 'Voyager'") is rolling out its new fall shows this week. Monday night Amelia Earhart ("NYPD Blue's" Sharon Lawrence) made a guest-appearance on "Voyager," and we still don't know where her plane came down. But I was especially intrigued with UPN's new hour-long dramatic series set in an L.A. TV newsroom, "Live Shot." It premiered Tuesday at 8 p.m. on Channel 44.

Having once occasionally worked as a newswriter at Channel 2's award-winning, low-key operation, I wanted to see if this episodic-TV newsroom had any resemblance to reality. The answer: Not much. It's so ludicrous, it's often funny. Maybe this is what goes on in newsrooms down in L.A., but even there, I doubt it.

I wondered after seeing Tuesday's premiere whether the new series is supposed to be a spoof like "Network," but I'm not sure "Live Shot's" producers know. Still, it's entertaining. I've seen the first two episodes, and they move along a lot faster than that white Bronco.

"Live Shot" is set at L.A.'s KXZX-TV, where, UPN's description says, "You're only as good as your last ... live shot." A chin dimple named Alex Rydell, who looks like a soap-opera heartthrob, plays Channel 3's news director. (The real-life news directors in the Bay Area are rumply and decidedly un-telegenic.) David "Serpico" Birney plays the station's prima-donna

lead anchor, Henry Chandler Moore, whom KXZX here bills as "The Beacon of Truth." Talk about setting someone up. They call him "The Beacon" — to his face, no less. His co-anchor, Sherry Beck (Rebecca Staab), is a hustler who occasionally pours hot coffee on The Beacon's lap to keep him, well, grounded.

Re-Action News (it sounds vaguely right-wing) has two loose cannons tearing around in an ENG (electronic newsgathering) van who call themselves "The News Brothers." These guys look for lurid shots (the kind stations here eschew) of naked people, alive or dead. The newscasters also send competing camera crews on wild goose chases (something that also doesn't happen, at least here, because competing stations need each other, sometimes pragmatically exchanging exclusive footage).

There's also a gun-lovin' conservative commentator at Re-Action News who gets a bomb tonight made of chopped liver, which sounds like something that might have happened on "L.A. Law." There's also a Hispanic reporter, Ricardo Sandoval, who rolls his R's in such an exaggerated manner it becomes ethnic humor (eat your heart out, Rrrigo Chacon). And a production assistant/car hop who roller-skates around the newsroom delivering scripts. (Also unlikely.)

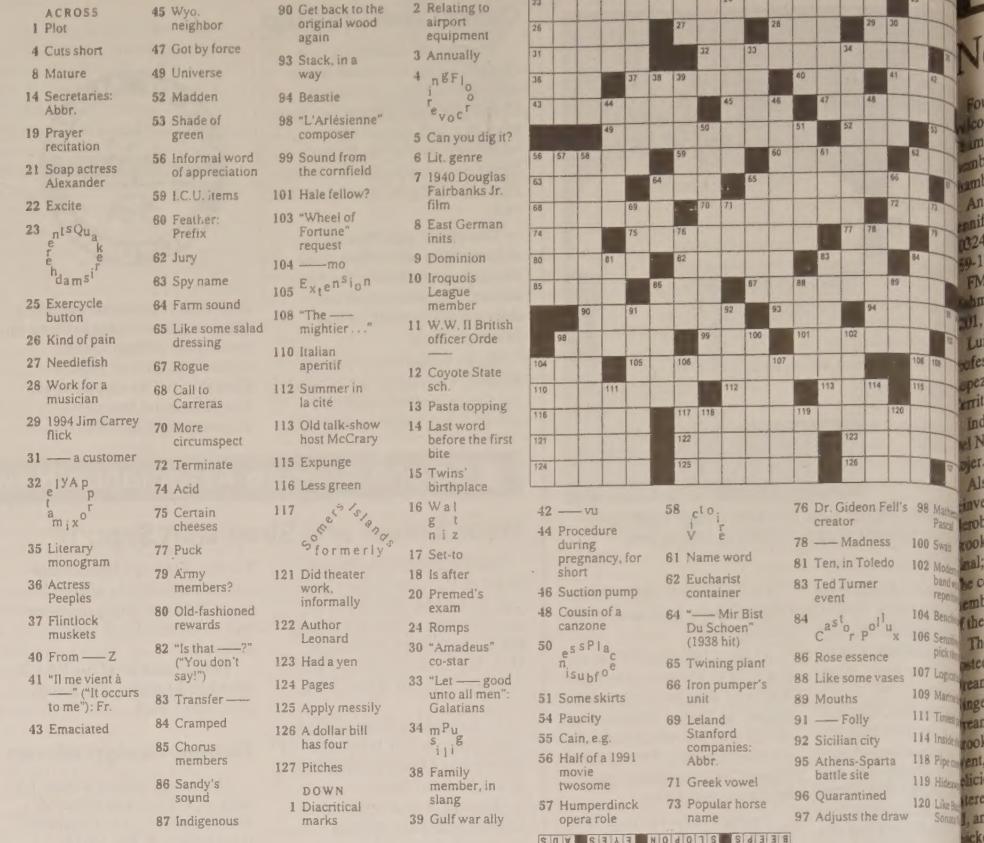
"Live Shot" is so silly and so over-the-top it's fun to watch, even as you wince. I can see this developing a cult following in local TV newsrooms — partly because the characters in "Live Shot" do things that real-life TV people may

only fantasize about. If I were writing the news tonight at Channel 2, I'd be telling co-workers to catch this on their monitors. (After all, KTVU's newsroom in Jack London Square is loaded with "Melrose Place" aficionados on Mondays. There's nothing like a good laugh to help relieve deadline stress.)

But a cameraman playing back tapes of himself and a female co-

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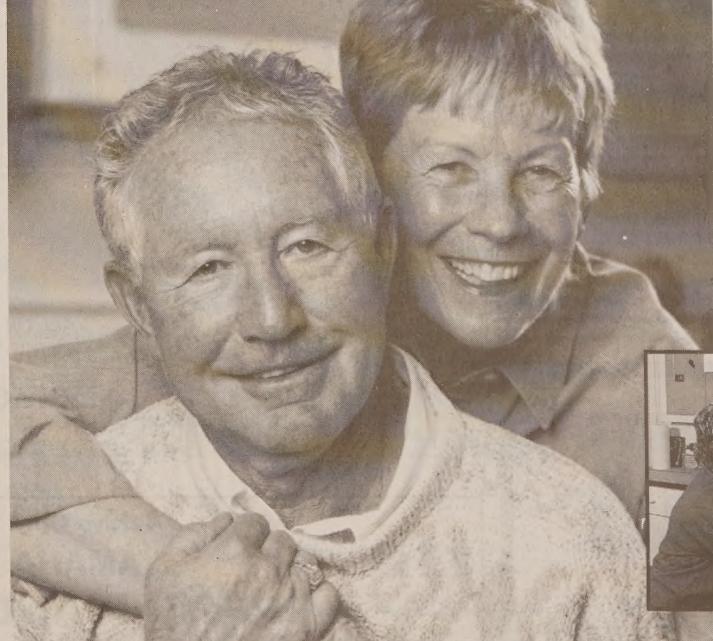


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The Aug. 23 membership Mixer was attended by, and many thanks to, Dream World Florist and Gifts, Dream World Jewelry, Yvonne Brooks, was a very enjoyable evening in a lovely setting. The refreshments were served through Fred Berththead, and a wonderful Chinese chicken salad by Katie Wong of Uncle Wong's Chinese Restaurant, next door to Dream World, with help in serving by the Changs' daughter, Amy, and Wongs' daughter, Anita.

Prizes provided for the drawing at Dream World were won by Tom Schmidt, associate member; Council member Jane Bartke; Rich Bartke, attorney. Finally, in 1991, Sandy and her mother opened a shop in Orinda's Theatre Square called The Family Jewelers and offered a small part of Yvonne's collection for sale. Their business neighbor at this time was Dream World Florist.

Yvonne's collection grew so big daughter Sandy Brom Carlson recalls that when she was growing up the costume jewelry had spilled over into every room in the house.

The Orinda store, she reports, now rents vintage costumes for special occasions. In addition to jewelry the El Cerrito store also features vintage hats, purses and shoes — most of which come from Yvonne's personal collection.



Chamber Manager Sewall Glinternick with president Vera Boyovich (right) welcomes Yvonne Brooks of Dream World Jewelry.

Later Dream World Florist opened a second shop at Del Norte Place in El Cerrito and offered Yvonne a small corner of their new store to display and sell her costume jewelry.

"I started with a small corner," Yvonne explains, "and gradually got a little more, than a little more, 'till I now have a good-sized shop."

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Also available at Dream World

Jewelry are a variety of old pocket and wrist watches, shaving brushes, salt and pepper shakers, whiskey decanters, and books, as well as antique perfume bottles, ivory elephants and vases.

Yvonne is delighted at the public's response to her store here.

"Now I'm happy spending my life doing what I like," she declares. "I've turned my hobby into a profitable business."

Anybody can do it — if you like what you do and you're honest."

Yvonne sees her vintage jewelry as something of real value for today's woman.

"You can buy one basic dress," she says, "and dress it up with

different pieces of this costume jewelry. You may grow out of the dress, but you'll never grow out of the jewelry."

As a matter of fact, Yvonne reports that two-thirds of her customers are younger women who are not only interested in the jewelry's history but also in its investment value.

"The quality of the old costume jewelry is far superior to today's jewelry. And, the rarer this old jewelry becomes, the more valuable it gets — especially our signed original pieces."

Yvonne was a longtime El Cerrito resident, and her children grew up here and attended area

schools.

Daughter Sandy was in one of the first classes to graduate from El Cerrito High School. Son Robert Brom, Jr., graduated from the same school the following year. Son Steven Brom was a graduate of Salesian High School. And, daughter Lisa Marie attended St. John's Elementary School and graduated from Holy Names High in Berkeley.

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce would like to remind all local businesses that — even if they already recycle — they must still file a Recycling Area Plan with the city.

Ordinance No. 94-1, adopted by the City Council in January 1994, requires that all businesses and residential properties of five units or more file a Recycling Area Plan with the city's Planning Division along with a fee of \$30.

The plan need be only a simple drawing that designates an area for recycling at the location of the business. Businesses that are part of a multi-tenant development or shopping center may file the plan jointly.

Call the Planning Division (215-4330) or the city's Integrated Waste management Division (215-4350) with any questions. Copies of the ordinance and a description of its basic requirements are available.

For those of you who were kind enough to express concern over the theft of the Chamber manager's car on Aug. 8, here's a stolen car update:

We are happy to report that the car was recovered in Alameda on Aug. 23 — thanks to an Alameda

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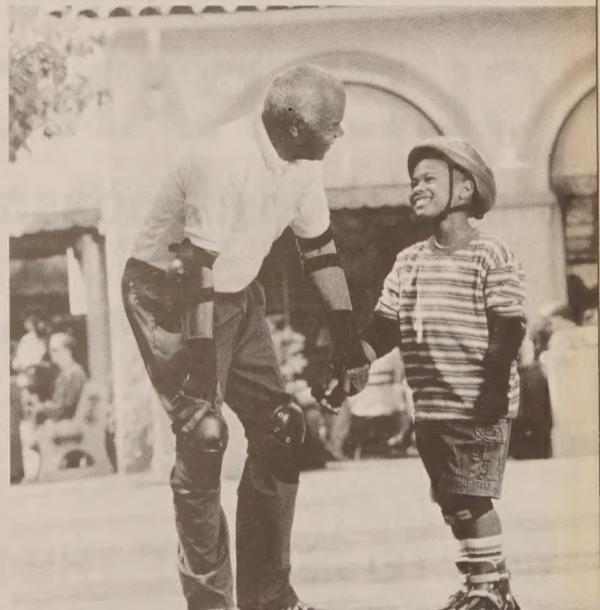
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Letters

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plus adding horrendous traffic already extreme in our northern district.

Norma Grijalva
El Cerrito

Wrong place for school

Editor:

As neighbors of the Louis Navelier home, we would like to clarify a few points in the recent article regarding Bright Star Montessori School ("Bright Star sets its sights on new home," Aug. 10).

First, the building and property that Bright Star wants to purchase was a single-family home. It has since been turned into a duplex with approximately five people that live on the property. Swarna Matz, Bright Star Director, states, "We'd keep it (the home) exactly the same but in better condition."

This is a ridiculous statement, considering Bright Star is asking for a conditional use permit for a school of 150 students, plus staff (approximately 20) and parent volunteers. Obviously, the existing home is not going to house a school this size. Bright Star is planning on building a second building which would be partially sunken into the hill but perfectly visible from the street.

They are also planning on making the front yard their preschool playground surrounded by a 6-foot-high fence (there are no plans for a play-yard for the elementary-age children). Their use permit proposal states that they may renovate the existing house or possibly tear it down and build another similar. The article also indicates there will

be additional buildings to come. This does not sound anything like "... the same view from the front of the house ..." that the article quotes.

Matz also suggests that it is doubtful that a family would pay the \$1 million price tag that the school is willing to for this project. A family wouldn't have any use for an additional classroom building, 12 parking spaces, etc., that are all included in her project's cost estimate.

Bright Star is currently located three to four blocks away from the subject property (depending which route you take). Of course they haven't had any complaints from their neighbors on Gladys Street. Bright Star is located at an existing school site that was master-planned for that use. The site is located within an entire block of school and park facilities on a wider street than Navelier, with ample parking.

Navelier Street is already used for five schools, two churches, the recycling center, corporation yard, and overflow commute traffic. While some of Bright Star's parents may currently drive down Navelier, moving the school to the middle of a block on the street would stop traffic several times a day.

Bright Star's proposal shows 10 parking spaces and two handicapped parking spaces. This amount does not even cover their staff. Where will the 100-plus cars park all day long as children are picked up and dropped off? Where are the daily parent volunteers going to park? Where will the cars park for special school events?

The article is also misleading by stating that Bright Star is creating open space. They are taking a largely undeveloped lot, building on it, and bringing nearly 200 people a day to it. Open space is being taken away from El Cerrito.

Obviously, this project would have a huge impact on the neighborhood and on the site itself.

Stacy Taylor
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Permanent home needed

Editor:

Thank you for running the story about the Albany YMCA's intention to lease the old library site for child care. We would like to provide you with additional information to clarify the decisions being made. The Albany YMCA is the largest provider of school-age child

care in the cities of Albany and Berkeley. This is a service that we have been providing since 1978; in fact, some of our earliest participants are now working in the program and sharing their positive experiences with the children in our community.

Our mission is to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities. One of the many ways the YMCA does this is through the YMCA Kids' Club child care program.

Our YMCA works closely with both the Albany and Berkeley school districts to provide quality care for our children. We have been researching possible permanent sites for the past four years.

The Albany YMCA's Board of Managers and staff see the move to the former library site with its proximity to the Cornell School playground and easy access to public transportation as the best permanent solution to our community's child care needs. Discussions with the city staff regarding the library site have been ongoing since February.

We feel confident at this point that everyone involved,

working together, will determine the best possible solution for meeting the child care needs of our community.

Ruth Ganong
Carolyn Pugh
Board of Managers
Albany YMCA

Don't throw it away

Editor:

If you are getting ready for school, cleaning out drawers, cleaning house even, remember the empty collection barrels at the El Cerrito Fire Station on San Pablo.

There are more homeless people all the time. Thus, we need more clothes for children and grown-ups to be distributed at the Souper Center in Richmond. Men's shoes, in particular, are greatly needed — and children's clothes for school.

Thanks for any help.

Jean Siri
El Cerrito

Stick to issues

Editor:

As a self-acknowledged "bleeding-heart" liberal, I am astonished to find that Dr. Freudenthal would class with the likes of Rush Limbaugh, Pat Buchanan, "vile-lence-prone groupies" because I oppose the policies of corporatism.

Isn't that now being "corporate welfare"?

I know nothing about Cerrito Citizens' Alliance, but understand that we El Cerrito taxpayers have been long-term former El Cerrito development schemes and, therefore, the present theater project proposal.

I would suggest that Dr. Freudenthal abandon his winded ad hominem attacks and discuss the issues.

Marie

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Pearl-Jacobvitz (left) is Helen Keller, Robin Steeves is her teacher Annie Sullivan, in the Masquers' 'The Miracle Worker.'

Jerry Telfer

Line teamwork in 'Miracle Worker'

0-year-old Pearl-Jacobvitz has a sure

sure on the stage.

Phyllis Lyon

The Masquers pull out all the

theatrical stops in their produc-

tion of 'The Miracle Worker.'

William Gibson's memorable 1957 play dramatizing the defining moment in the life of Helen Keller. The tribute to true grit plays in Point Richmond through Sept. 30.

Based on actual events in the lives of the Keller family in the hidebound Alabama society of the 1880s, the play centers on the herculean efforts of teacher Annie Sullivan to reach into and free the mind of Helen Keller, who was rendered blind and deaf by illness in infancy.

In what is at heart a two-character play, Masquers Robin Steeves as Annie and Ariel Pearl-Jacobvitz as the raging child Helen act beautifully in tandem in the difficult and physically exhausting, to viewer as well as the actors, roles.

The 10-year-old Pearl-Jacobvitz, who may want to shorten her name to fit on the theater marques she surely has in her future, is nothing short of stunning in her authentic portrayal of the frustrated child who, in understandable fright, tyrannizes her overbearing family.

Steeves matches the wild child blow for blow with winning vitality, sparks of good humor and a mellow Irish accent, as the 20-

year-old teacher venturing from Boston into the unknown reaches of the South to tackle her first teaching job.

Having exhausted all medical possibilities to cure Helen, the Kellers reluctantly call in Annie Sullivan as a last-ditch effort to civilize the child who has thrown the family into wrangling chaos.

Captain Keller, played with patriarchal authority by Don Waight, cannot get his dinner on time and is driven out of the house by the noise. The long-suffering mother Kate Keller (Anne Calegaro) can only hug the unruly girl, endure her pitiful condition and hope for the best. Brad Clark plays the ne'er-do-well stepson James, unable to get anyone's attention amid the din of family life.

As a testament to its enduring popularity, *The Miracle Worker* began as a *Playhouse 90* live television drama, came to the New York stage with acclaimed performances by Anne Bancroft and a child Patty Duke, was filmed for the silver screen in 1962, remade for television in 1979 with Duke in the Sullivan role, and was the basis for Gibson's 1982 sequel, *Monday After the Miracle* picking up the lives of the dynamic duo 20 years later.

To enhance the enjoyment of the play by hearing-impaired audience members, and to give them the chance to test the accuracy of the actors' American Sign Language accomplishments, Tura Franzen and Maria Franco King will sign performances of *The Miracle Worker* on Sept. 9 and Sept. 23.

ion. In a series of incidents, sometimes repetitive, from battle scenes at the dinner table to the miraculous moment at the pump when Helen at last catches on to connection between the hand signs and "water," the play skirts the mauldin to remain an engaging success story. And as history shows, the miracle was the beginning of something big for Annie and Helen in real life.

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Tasty musical stew from BSO

The Berkeley Symphony's mixture of the tried and new continues to delight.

By Marilyn Tucker

After 25 years the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra continues to deliver the goods. The familiar ingredients that have proved to be such an intoxicating mix over the last quarter of a century were again in evidence at the orchestra's opening concert of the new season, Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Zellerbach Hall. These obviously include conductor Kent Nagano, beginning his 17th season, his orchestra and the faithful audience, all of whom have grown up together, making the BSO the unique organization it has become.

No one knows this better than Nagano, who took over a fledgling pops orchestra as a very young man and went on to achieve his present-day international reputation with such musical groups as the Halle Orchestra in England, the London Symphony Orchestra and the Lyon Opera in France.

But it all began in Berkeley, and Nagano has often been quoted as saying he owes his craft and repertory to his experiences here and will probably continue with the orchestra, despite the many tempting offers with opera, symphony orchestras and recordings that come his way.

Let's certainly hope so. There are few places in the world that serve up such a tasty musical stew as Nagano and the Berkeley Symphony provided on opening night, with an unscheduled world premiere, an American premiere

and a couple of standards from the orchestral repertory, the latter including a thrilling performance of Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1 in D Minor with soloist Benedetto Lupo, whose digital credentials are pure gold.

There's an old joke in Bay Area music circles (based on fact) that the Berkeley Symphony is one of the few orchestras in the world that can program a world premiere after the intermission and not lose the audience. Just to keep things interesting perhaps, Nagano reversed the procedure on opening night, presenting first on the program the young British composer Thomas Ades' "...but all shall be well."

Even that brief orchestral work

Tinkling sounds spilled from Ades' piano with the intensity of soft tears.

was preceded by a surprise, as Nagano happily announced that the 23-year-old Ades would make his United States debut playing one of his own piano pieces, the world premiere of "Still Sorrows" Working closely with the page turner, whose duties included making adjustments to the guts of the piano, Ades offered a nine-minute emotional ride with the piano with the intensity of soft tears.

The effect was heightened by the structure of the piece, created in two parts, each beginning in the high registers and making a careful descent, with a telling silence for separation. With the

page turner hard at it, the timbral variety evidenced sounds of the flute, guitar and other plectrum instruments.

In his remarks to the audience, Ades allowed as how "...but all shall be well" might well be considered "the story of a melody." Well, maybe. There were continuous melodic fragments drawn from the first five notes of the pentatonic scale that provided a certain organic thread to the work.

These melodic bits and pieces, with frequent borrowings from composers as diverse as Britten and Mahler, came in the form of swooning brasses, jazz figures, a hint of a majestic chorale, questioning oboes, reassurance by the strings, spitting out of harsh chords and, my favorite, a sudden splat of brass and percussion near the end.

Ades drew on many ideas, and there was much pondering, without much depth. Intended as a "consolation" for orchestra, the work was commissioned by the Cambridge Music Society for its premiere last year at Ely Cathedral. While not a formal exercise in minimalist structure, the piece resembled the minimalist in its lack of forward impulse. It lacked real form and energy and didn't seem to be going anywhere. As an experiment, it held the interest only for the moment.

Lupo, a bronze medal winner in the 1989 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, put an indelible stamp on the Brahms concerto.

This was at first made more difficult than one might expect from the young Italian musician who has been making a big

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East Bay Entertainment This Week

Annual poster sale at UAM

The annual poster sale at the University Art Museum takes place today from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and tomorrow and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum, 2620 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. It features posters for art exhibitions and concerts, historic World War I and II posters, '60s memorabilia and other types of posters. All day today and tomorrow, there will be a silent auction of posters autographed by artists. Call 643-6494 for more details.

Blues festival on Labor Day at Dunsmuir

The Bay Area Blues Society presents the Heritage Festival on Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at the Dunsmuir House & Gardens in Oakland. The festival features Clarence Carter ("Stroking," "Love Me With a Feeling," "Slip Away"), Little Jimmy King (grandson of the late Albert King), Guitar Shorty (acrobatics while never missing a beat), E.C. Scott (gospel, blues), and Guitar Mac (Delta blues).

Also appearing are local vocalists Phil Lewis, Wiley Trass, Willie G and Sweet Liz singing with the BAB Caravan of All Stars (Bobby Cochran, drums and vocals; Ron Joseph, bass; Shaka Shephard, keyboards; Ronnie Stewart and Steve Geitz, guitars; Billy Dunn, keyboard and vocals; Carl Green, tenor sax; Darrell Walker, trombone; and John Middleton, trumpet).

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate; call 836-2227. Dunsmuir House is at 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland; 615-5555.

'Nine Days Old,' 'Calaveras' split bill

The acoustic trios Nine Days Old (traditional American, modern pop, bluegrass) and Calaveras (blues, country, contemporary ballads) will perform a split bill at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Tickets are \$7.50 in advance, \$8 at the door. Call 548-1761 for more details.

Stanley Jordan plays two guitars at once

Guitarist Stanley Jordan is at Kimball's East through Sunday. The Palo Alto native specializes in playing two guitars at once, both hands simultaneously hitting notes on the necks of the instruments. His music is from across the musical spectrum—classical, African, blues, heavy metal. Shows are at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$15 tonight, \$18 Friday to Sunday. Kimball's is at 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville; 658-2555.

'Growing Up Invisible' extends run

The theater piece *Growing Up Invisible* being presented at the Pardee Home Museum (reviewed in the Aug. 17 issue) has extended its run through Sept. 17.

The piece stars storyteller/actress Marijo and the Augustino Dance Theater. It recreates the lives of Oaklanders whose lives revolved around the Pardee house from about the turn of the century through World War I. Performances are at 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the carriage house at the rear of the property. Tickets are \$10 (\$7 seniors and students). Call 444-2187, extension 205, for reservations. The Pardee Home Museum is at 672 11th St. (between Castro and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, next to Interstate 980), in Oakland.

Blues All-Stars at Preservation Park

The series of free concerts at Preservation Park continues tomorrow from noon to about 1 p.m. with the blues musicians known as the *Caravan of All-Stars*. Preservation Park is bordered by 12th and 14th streets, Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Castro Street, Oakland, next to Interstate 980. Call 874-7580 for more details.

Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums

Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums perform tonight at 9 p.m. at the Terrace Lounge at the Claremont Hotel, Ashby & Domingo, Oakland; 549-8576.

'Good News' opens at Woodminster

The final musical at Woodminster this summer is the 1927 Broadway hit *Good News*. The songs are by B.G. De Sylva, Lew Brown and Ray Henderson. Here's how Richard Chigley Lynch's *Musicals!* describes the show: "The football coach at Tait College has a problem. His star player is temporarily ineligible to play in the big game because he's flunked his astronomy test. (In the 1974 film version with June Allyson, it was a French exam.) . . . 'The Best Things in Life Are Free' is the big song hit. The 1974 Broadway revival was described as being corny but fetching." *Good News* opens tomorrow and plays at 8 p.m. Sept. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Tickets are \$11 to \$19, and children under 15 can attend free when accompanied by an adult (with some restrictions). Woodminster is in Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. Call 687-4225 (MUSICAL) for reservations.



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Anthony Bernal, left, Christy Ryan and Robert Menezes in Woodminster's production of 'Good News,' opening Friday.

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'Beyond Rangoon': exotic, suspenseful

By Renata Polt

Laura Bowman (Patricia Arquette), traumatized by the recent murder of her husband and only child, allows herself to be taken on a tour of Asia by her well-meaning sister Andy (Frances McDormand). To Andy, she pretends that the trip is "helping": helping her forget the horror, helping her feel something other than grief and suicidal despair.

In fact, she's not capable of feeling anything or of responding to the beauty around her—not until she gets caught up in the struggle for freedom of the Burmese people, whom she suddenly finds herself identifying with.

Beyond Rangoon, directed by John Boorman (*Deliverance*, *Excalibur*, *The Emerald Forest*, *Hope and Glory*), is set in 1988 Burma, where tourists are allowed in only under strictly supervised conditions, which don't include breaking curfew or attending political rallies.

Unable to sleep, Laura wanders away from her hotel room one night and finds herself in the midst of a rally protesting the repressive military dictatorship. Leading the rally is Aung San Suu Kyi (Adelle Lutz), the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Burmese heroine of the moment. The main participants in the rally are students and Buddhist monks.

When Laura loses her passport and is unable to depart with her tour group, she latches onto a freelance tour guide, U Aung Ko (played by himself), an elderly former professor stripped of his

career by the government. She knows what she's doing is risky—but what's she got to lose?

"We know that suffering is the one promise that life always keeps," says Aung Ko, himself once a priest. It's with him and the exiled young people she meets, many of whom have lost at least as much as she, that she is at last able to release her grief and find a reason for living—and for practicing medicine, which she'd abandoned—again.

Patricia Arquette (*Ed Wood*, *True Romance*, *Ethan Frome*) doesn't have the dramatic range of a Meryl Streep, but there's a freshness about her (including her flat little voice) that wins us over. Aung Ko, a teacher and translator living in France, is a powerful and convincing presence.

With the exception of a short appearance by Spalding Gray as a nervous tour leader, *Beyond Rangoon* contains no comic relief. It's a tense, edge-of-your-seat adventure story in an exotic setting (Malaysia stands in for Burma)—a sort of *Year of Living Dangerously* without the romance.

The violent repressions in Burma didn't make it to television. "For most of the world [they] didn't happen," says one character. This film may help to change that.

Tutto Fellini

San Francisco's Castro Theatre continues "Tutto Fellini," the complete works, through Sept. 7. The Master's last film, *Voices of the Moon* plays tonight at 7 p.m. All prints are newly struck. Call (415) 931-FILM for details.

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splash in competitions throughout the world, including the Alfred Cortot in Milan, Robert Casadesus in Cleveland and Gina Bachauer in Salt Lake City.

Trouble was the orchestra, which didn't seem to know the musical country or key of the long introduction in the first movement of the D Minor.

When Lupo finally made a solo entrance, it was in a different, albeit correct key. Once the

dust settled with pitches and chromatics, the Brahms gathered steam. In the end it was a powerhouse performance.

Lupo is a pianist who plays with consistent clarity and respect for structure. The harmonic picture was always bold and assertive, the passage work immaculate, the tone virile and seductive.

The slow movement was a moving exercise in fervent, but controlled, emotion, coming

directly from the heart. The low strings made a compelling assist.

The dynamic blast that heralded the last movement was in stark contrast to the loveliness of the slow movement. With its layered excitement and allure, this Rondo moved like a steamroller. The orchestra's contribution was exemplary. The fugue was mathematics for the soul.

The last half of the program was taken up with the Strauss tone poem *Also Sprach Zarathustra*.

tra. Despite the brilliant that were frequently in *Zarathustra* had a dim complexion when compared to the memory of the Br

There were many moments and notable transitions from orchestra, including concertos by Rubin.

But all in all, the performance seemed concerned with getting up to providing the whole pu

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Ten years ago, the Tran family opened Le Cheval on Jefferson Street in downtown Oakland. Four years later a second location was opened in the Kaiser Center Mall. Quickly building a reputation and a following among Vietnamese food lovers, Le Cheval enjoyed numerous awards from a variety of restaurant awards given throughout the Bay Area.

Tuyet T. Bui Tran is the owner of Le Cheval. After arriving from the United States, Tran's first food service experience was a place called Dog Patch. "She ran the hot dog stand," said her youngest son. Tran's husband died not long after they arrived and the mother turned to the food business.

Le Cheval is operated by five of her seven children in all areas of management. Brothers Thai, Son, Danh and Minh handle the business from purchasing, kitchen operations, accounting and banquets. Ter Nguyen is a captain.

Last month Le Cheval celebrated its first anniversary at its new location at 1007 Clay St. The Jefferson location was closed and the building is the former home of the post office. Dominating the corner of the block, the restaurant creates an atmosphere of warmth and a large space. The staff is accomplished and friendly. At one point a dining companion dropped his chopsticks and reached down to pick them up rather discreetly. Before he could even react, another guest had sublimely placed next to him.

The line out the door tells the story here — the food is delicious. A gorgeous crab platter was smothered with lightly battered marinated shrimp. The shrimp salad with lotus root was a delightful surprise. The dish included shredded cabbage, prawns, jelly fish, lotus root leaves and was topped with fried onion and peanuts in a vinegar and oil dressing. Fresh and light, the dish can serve 1-2 for \$6. The menu includes a la carte appetizers, salads, soups, rice, noodles, rice plates, poultry, beef and pork to choices of five or seven course meals.

I especially enjoyed the ritual of drinking cafe phin. This filtered coffee is served with condensed milk. It is then stirred after the coffee has dripped into the milk. Ice coffee is achieved by stirring this filtered coffee over ice cubes — refreshing!

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AUTOMOTIVE

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Continental Volvo Where the People Make the Difference

Dennis Evansky

Oakland hides its treasures well. Continental Volvo, one of its finest car dealerships, not found on Auto Row, at 4030 E. 14th Street in the Fruitvale District.

"When our customers come here to have their cars serviced, they are treated with respect. I believe that if we treat the customers right, they will stay with us for life."

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the dealership's location has stopped loyal customers from coming from across the Bay Area and beyond to experience General Sales Manager George Neri's sales philosophy.

the customer as an intelligent buyer demanding an honest and straightforward approach.

He has teamed up with his two sons Ephraim and Gleem to make Continental

"We're the dealership where the people make the difference," said Neri. He does not believe in the stereotype most buyers have of a car salesperson. Neri sees

Volvo the number one dealer in Volvo's expansive Northwest territory not only in sales volume, but in customer satisfaction as well.

"We are also in the top 10 in the entire United States when it comes to keeping our customers satisfied," said Neri. "We make the experience of buying a car a pleasant one, one that's very easy for the customer to understand."

The dealership showroom displays not only Volvo's fine line of automobiles, but a collection of trophies and awards as well. A large leather-bound book beneath the adjacent bulletin board showcasing the many letters from Continental Volvo's happy customers bespeaks the success of Neri's

philosophy.

A Palo Alto customer took the time to write to Volvo's North American President Mats Ola Palm to let him know that buying a car at Continental Volvo is "what car buying should be like."

"Be assured," a Pleasanton customer wrote, "we will confidently recommend your services to any of our friends looking for a Volvo."

Neri proudly pointed out that satisfied customers will bring their cars in for service, approach complete strangers on the premises, and tell the newcomers about the dealership's great customer service.

Neri's 25-year experience in the automobile industry, which includes owning a car dealership in the

Philippines, taught him the importance of building a loyal customer base.

"If we are going to be good in the sales department," it is extremely important that we have a good service department," Neri said.

"When our customers come here to have their cars serviced, they are treated with respect. I believe that if we treat the customers right, they will stay with us for life."

"We want to be on a first-name basis with our customers. It often gives us pleasure

to surprise them when they return to have their cars serviced by greeting them by their first names."

The sales and service departments work as a team. For example, if you buy a car from Continental Volvo and make an appointment for scheduled maintenance, it is not unusual to see your salesperson at your door with a loaner driving your car back for service.

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■ MARTIN SNAPP

Bless 'Em All: Omaha, Utah, Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal. The names roll through the national memory like a litany from the Old Testament.

And it all ended 50 years ago this Saturday, when Japanese officials surrendered to Gen. MacArthur on the deck of the battleship Missouri.

Commanding the Marine honor guard, not more than 10 feet away from MacArthur, was a young lieutenant from Oakland named Al Kelley.

Two weeks ago, Al was one of the guests of honor at a V-J Day ceremony aboard Missouri's sister ship, the U.S.S. Hornet, which is docked at the Alameda Naval Air Station.

And he still fit into his old uniform, too.

For me, the high point of the day was seeing the reverence — even awe — with which Al and the other World War II vets were treated by today's service men and women.

I saw a three-star general begging a 75-year-old former buck private for his autograph, like a schoolkid meeting his favorite baseball idol.

That general knew something the rest of us sometimes forget: These men are giants.

They won't admit it, of course. Judging by the way they talked about themselves, there wasn't a single hero on the whole ship. All they would say was "I was just doing my job."

That's the way real heroes talk.

I'll let you decide. What would you call Kermit Lay of Clayton, one of the defenders of Bataan?

Lay was just a private, but his courage under fire prompted his commander to give him a field promotion — all the way up to lieutenant.

Unexpectedly, Lay turned it down, explaining, "I just don't like officers."

"Listen, his commander replied, "We're all going to die here. Would you rather die as an officer or as an enlisted man?"

"In that case," said Lay, "where do I sign up?"

But he didn't die. He survived the Bataan Death March and five different Japanese prison camps.

But it was a close call. He was scheduled to be beheaded, but the atomic bombs brought the war to a sudden close before his executioners could go through with it.

And what would you call Tsuneo Takemoto of Hawaii, a member of the celebrated Japanese-American unit, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team?

Takemoto's squad was fighting in the Vosges mountains of northern France when they found themselves pinned down on the side of a hill. A rain of artillery shells and machine gun bullets was pouring down from carefully hidden German emplacements above them.

Takemoto knew he had to do something. It was only a matter of minutes before they all would be wiped out. They couldn't even fire back, because they didn't know where the Germans were.

So he leaped up and raced toward the German lines as fast as he could, spraying bullets from his Tommy gun and screaming at the top of his lungs.

He was using himself as a human target, trying to draw as much fire as possible on himself so his buddies could pinpoint the German positions by the puffs of smoke.

Inspired by his courage, his buddies jumped up and joined the charge. And they overran a German position that the experts said couldn't be taken.

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And what would you call Andy Mousalimas of Oakland, who parachuted behind enemy lines in German-occupied Greece and Yugoslavia to organize local resistance groups, knowing that he would immediately be shot if he were caught?

Or Mickey Ganich of San Leandro, who survived the first battle of the war — Pearl Harbor — when a bomb missed him by less than 40 feet, and survived the last battle — Okinawa — when one of the last Japanese

torpedoes of the war struck his ship, killing 20 of the 26 men in his cabin?

Or your own father or grandfather, who for 50 years has been sitting on stories that would curl your hair if you heard them?

No, these men don't think of themselves as heroes, and I can tell you why.

In their minds, the real heroes are their buddies who didn't come back.

They remember the gallant young men — "pride of our nation," as Franklin D. Roosevelt so rightly called them — who never had a chance to come home and get married and have babies and build careers.

They're right about their buddies, but they're wrong about themselves. To us, the generations that have come after them, these men are heroes indeed. As Lincoln said, "The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far beyond our poor power to add or detract."

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How can we thank these men? How can we ever repay what they did for us? Again, Lincoln said it best: "It is for us the living to be dedicated to the unfinished work which they who fought have thus far so nobly advanced."

And unfinished work is America itself. Our duty, as old farmers used to say, is to leave the land better than we found it. Just as the G.I. generation did.

My only fear — and it's a fear that haunts my whole generation — is that, in the words of the old Roman, "We are not the men our fathers were." (Or our mothers, either.)

And a lot of World War II vets agree with me. They don't think we're up to the job. They're saddened by our selfishness, our shortsightedness, and our lack of patriotism. They think we've bungled the legacy they bought for us at such terrible cost.

As one said to me, "When the next big crisis comes along, I'm afraid you won't be prepared. I'm glad I won't be around to see it."

Then he added, "If you really want to honor us, prove me wrong."

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Plaza

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mittee and some individual citizens have called for a comprehensive study of the area to be made so the community can do some informed long-term planning about the future of development in both southern and northern El Cerrito. Determination of the Emporium's future may delay such a study.

The study planned will focus on the south side of the shopping center, including the creek. It will not cover the entire Plaza nor its environs.

"I think the council will be willing to go forward with (just) this portion for now, (since) the creek improvements can be rolled into other improvements in the south side," said Raycraft.

According to Raycraft, the study now proposed will probably not include a substantial number of site improvements (including facade facelifts for some of the shops — a

topic of ongoing discussion). Those things, he said, will likely be addressed in a second study "after the Emporium issue is settled."

"Hopefully, the ownership will be more aggressive in looking at an integrated comprehensive center (at that time)," he said. "That's when we'd like to do (the larger) study."

The Redevelopment Agency will contribute to the currently proposed study. Raycraft said a Cerrito Creek study had been estimated to have a \$10,000 cost. With the proposed study incorporating a somewhat larger scope, it will likely carry a higher price tag.

"The agency has budgeted funds for marketing work that will cover (its) responsibility for this study," he said.

The city of Albany will also contribute to the study. Cerrito Creek serves as a boundary between Albany and El Cerrito.

"We want to be sure (any creek

restoration) benefits the citizens of Albany as well," said Bill Eker, Albany's community development and environmental resource director. "The city's and the council's policy is to make sure creeks get open and become more user-friendly."

Eker also said the City of Albany is enthusiastic about the study in that "this is the first real opportunity to (cooperate in) a joint venture."

Raycraft said the study should include a preliminary design plan for the creek bed and the parking lot and projections on how the whole area will interact with the rest of the center.

The city, he said, has already looked at a design plan for pedestrian and bike paths along the creek; examination of those will also be included in the study, as will circulation improvements in general.

"We want to see how the creek

itself will integrate with the south side — parking ingress and egress," he said. "We also want to see the potential for a proposal to build a new southeast corner of the Plaza."

(The new Lucky 62,000 square feet proposal, about the current store, was razed.)

"We won't be losing design elements but we want to affect the center impacts of increased pedestrian and bike paths along the creek; we want to know how people will move around and how the proposed will work with the rest of the center," Raycraft said.

Staff is expected to development Agency to circulate for Proposals for the meeting Tuesday night.

significant that we Maleski said referring to equalize allocations districts state wide.

The district receives more than other districts average, with the 1995/96 set at \$3,646 per ADA set to receive \$3,680 per ADA.

Of the new money will receive, \$10,000 per ADA) is classified for materials or other services, \$65,000 to \$70,000 per ADA falls under cafeteria and another \$12,000 (\$4/ADA) is instructional materials not

Though technically revenue, the district funds for a one-time payment subject to two publications at the board level.

will pay to have the building every other week," he said.

From Glinternick's length individual projects andibilities — like the mural.

"When you read about it's really working, it's about one individual gets together a paint bucket and keeps it ... To have a whole lot of individuals (doing the same are

"It's the kind of thing about and don't do it think because it's such he said. Glinternick breaking down the task parts, and "somehow responsible for just a whole lot of organization.

"That means individual owners and building owners responsible for their own

"It also means bringing groups. You could say group, 'Walk outside,' what you can see is you're responsible for have to worry about the city.

"... I think the sheer of the problem is what's from doing anything said.

Contract

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day before school opens. The board is scheduled to ratify the agreement by October.

ATA President Susan Charlip said she thinks it's an agreement her membership will likely ratify.

"It is a contract agreement that includes what we've been asking for and we didn't have to make any major concessions. The main thing I feel good about is that we maintained the integrity of the classroom and we didn't have to cut any programs to attain a settlement," Charlip said.

Board President Alan Riffer described it as an agreement "everybody is pleased" with. Riffer noted that the agreement "is subject to the process the board has to go through before it can do what we agree to. The language of the budget act says

you have to have a public hearing to allocate the money," he said.

The settlement was made possible by a promised infusion of up to \$287,000 to district coffers. The funds are a combination of new money from the state and a settlement in a lawsuit brought by the California Teachers Association over revenue limits set by Proposition 98.

The settled lawsuit means the district should receive an additional \$100,000 yearly beginning with the 1995/96 school years. However, the district probably won't receive the money until August 1996, after a scheduled court hearing and state procedures are complete.

In addition, allocation of the funds will be subject to a public hearing before the school board.

The district will also receive an

additional \$176,000 to \$187,000 in restricted, one-time only funds allocated to the 1994/95 school year.

According to Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Stanley Maleski the money is split between three different categories based on daily attendance averages (ADA).

While the money is significant, Maleski said it's not as much as some other California districts might receive.

"If you've been reading the newspapers you probably think my office is loaded with money. I guess a piece of bread does look good to a starving person, but it wasn't as good as it looked when we got there," Maleski said of a recent trip to Sacramento where budget information was released.

"There is other money that is

Graffiti

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"Basically, it was (city manager) Gary Pokorney's idea," said Del Simone. "We're both in Rotary, and he knew I wanted to start doing things with the school."

(Del Simone has other projects in mind, as well. She has started a shadow program, with high school students shadowing Rotarians on the job, and hopes the Rotary will help host a career fair later this year, perhaps in connection with the county.)

"We started thinking about how we wanted to do it; Mori did the measuring and looked into what kinds of surfacing paints were available," said Del Simone. "The city will prepare the surface, the Rotary will pay for the paints and brushes, Fred and Steven will decide who and when."

Under the direction of teachers Steven Temple and Fred Gonzales, high school students would create a mural on the large concrete wall along the Ohlone Greenway south of Stockton Avenue near Fairmont Park. As a guide for the theme of the mural, staff has provided the city council's "Vision Statement of the Year 2000." It is hoped that graffiti vandals would not be attracted to the wall when it is covered with a

mural.

Del Simone hopes the project will get underway after the first of the year. Among decisions to be made, she said, is exactly who'll be involved. According to Del Simone, Daniels would like to see everyone at the school involved, including those students who might be in gangs and responsible themselves for some of the graffiti. The teachers, she said, would prefer to see art students doing the work, in order to have more predictable results.

A second project will be coordinated by Sharyl Duskin, who teaches art through the El Cerrito Recreation Department.

Duskin plans to guide a class of elementary and middle school students in painting murals in two locations at Cerrito Vista Park: the back side of the Cerrito Vista Clubhouse, facing the sand play area, and the concrete wall on the other side of the play area.

Design sketches submitted to the city show a woodsy scene, complete with animals and fish, planned for the Clubhouse wall; trees on either side would be extended to fill the space. The sketch for the concrete wall includes butterflies, flowers, a spider and its web.

In this case, the city's mainten-

ance staff will supply the materials for the project. The class is scheduled to begin at the recreation center in September and will continue for 12 weeks.

The staff sees the community effort demonstrated by such projects as a key to controlling graffiti vandalism.

Other avenues are being pursued, as well. Several months ago, Struve, Pokorney and council member Jane Bartke met with Chamber of Commerce executive director Sewall Glinternick and others to hear about some new graffiti-resistant products being developed in the private marketplace.

Glinternick said a representative of American Protective Coatings displayed the uses of two products, one a material that erases graffiti easily, the other a protective coating that tends to repel the graffiti itself. The Chamber, he said, is interested in the whole problem of graffiti, as is the city, but no one's quite sure what to do about it.

Education is one key, he said. New technologies, perhaps like the products being shown at the meeting, may offer ways to get rid of graffiti short of re-painting the entire exposed surface.

"Obviously no building owner

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sary for federal programs or funds. The initiative does not actually mention the term affirmative action, but it does mention preferential treatment.

"The term affirmative action doesn't appear...because we're for it," said Custerd. But affirmative action has led to preferential programs, he said. "When you prefer one person over another because of gender or race, you're discriminating," Custerd said.

Custerd said government contracts should be given to the lowest bidder, not to members of a certain group at higher costs. Custerd said polls have shown about 70 percent of people support affirmative action but oppose preferential treatment.

Sally Pipes, a panelist from the Pacific Research Institute in San Francisco, agreed, saying, "I too believe...in affirmative action...but preferential programs today are really dividing America by ethnic group and that is exactly what we don't want," said Pipes.

Supporters of affirmative action showed a variety of negative reactions to the word preference.

"They chose (the word) preference because the polls they conducted show the majority of people support affirmative action," said panelist Michael Harris, an attorney with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, referring to what he calls the "California Civil Rights Initiative."

"The language is used to confuse people...and stir emotions," said Harris, who defined preference as the boss hiring his son, or a college giving special admission to the children of alumni.

During the program, several students called for ending university admissions preferences for athletes and children of alumni.

But another Berkeley student, Hatem Bazian, called for putting preference in historic context, recognizing that minorities have been underrepresented. Affirmative action is necessary to level the playing field, he said.

Albany resident Bob Arnold agreed, saying: "This is still a racist, sexist society and unless we keep fighting to overcome that, it's going to continue...and a lot of people want to turn back, including our governor, who wants to go back

to the bigotry of the last century."

His comments were greeted with a burst of applause from affirmative action supporters. Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky, supporting affirmative action, called it the one tool that can counter discriminatory preferences against minorities.

"You're not eliminating any of those. All you're eliminating is the one single preference that helps to counter all those other ones," Brodsky said to Custerd.

Custerd responded, "There are a lot of minorities there who can do it on their own... who don't need a patron like you to try to get them on (your) plantation." Another burst of applause, presumably from supporters of the CCR, followed. The only speaker of the evening who possibly received applause from most of those present was panelist Sally Pipes when she said "Affirmative action is not solving the problem, which is our K to 12 public education system. Until we reform public education (K to 12), we're never going to have an equal society."

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In the end, Owen was successful.

"The bottom line is that we wanted people to talk," he said.

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visionary group builds multi-million dollar business

non-profit strong advocate of low-income housing tenants

Liz Etars

"We, the unwilling, led by the qualified, have been doing the livable for so long with so that we now attempt the impossible with nothing." — Andy Gee, a founding member of EBALDC.

Like a rectangular wedding cake with terra cotta gargoyles, Asian Resource Center and Assembly, home to the East Bay Asian Development Corporation (EBALDC), stands on the fringes of Oakland's regional government center and the traditional downtown commercial area. The

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Lynette Jung Lee, EBALDC's executive director, left, Joshua Simons, senior project manager, William S. Ong, controller, and Joyce Kung, administrative assistant, display the Grand Award they received from this year's Pacific Coast Building Conference for the Hismen Hin-Nu Terrace project.

'At the time, we estimated the project would cost \$1.5 million ... and we didn't have a nickel.'

—TED DANG

history of the building at 310 Eighth Street, which has been declared an Oakland Historical Landmark, reads like a community Cinderella story.

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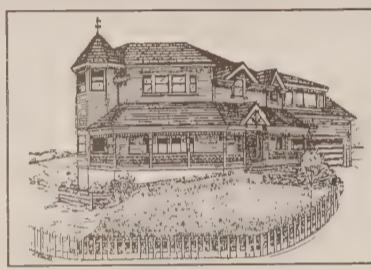
University of California at Berkeley. Armed with idealism and naivete, Dang and Gee wanted to do something for the Chinatown community, something in real estate development. They were both part of the newly born Asian Studies movement, an outgrowth of the civil rights movements in the 1960s.

"After the free speech days, we learned we should—if we ever had the chance to — go back to our

respective communities and make a contribution," says Ted Dang, a former chairman of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and a member of the EBALDC board of directors.

Dang explains that at that time (and admits still today) a lot of Asian-Americans experienced confusion with their identity. "Were we American? Were we Asian?

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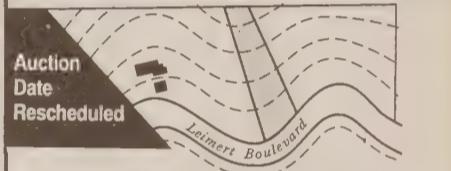
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We were on tour a little early and the agent hadn't arrived yet at our first stop, but the owner kindly invited us in and showed us around.

She asked what we thought about her house, said she was worried that it hadn't sold although the price had been reduced. "The house is being shown..." she began, then stopped, apparently trying to decide whether to go on.

"You know," she started again, "I've had agents call and make an appointment who never showed up. Is this what you people do?"

"I run around picking up the house, make sure my kids aren't napping, get ready to leave the house as soon as the agent arrives — and I never see anyone or hear from them again."

We said that we were very sorry. We said that we know many good agents in the area, people who we hope would have the good manners to call if their plans change.

"I think it is so rude," the woman went on. "The second time it happened to me I was so mad that I called the real estate company and complained to the manager. Now my husband thinks our house isn't selling because we've been blacklisted."

She was only half kidding. What a shame. It's hard to have your house on the market. It's harder if you have young children and you have to keep the house together for weeks or months. No one who is going through this needs further irritation.

Not that this is a life-threatening matter, I know, but I don't think it is too much to expect that people extend a little courtesy to other people.

And while we are on the subject, we have a few discourtesy bones to pick with some of our colleagues. A couple of weeks ago we made up a list of houses to see for a client. We put them in order, spent an afternoon going to each one, sorting out which ones to show our buyer. Unfortunately we could not get into



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two of the houses. Why? Because the keys don't work. We jiggled, pushed and pulled, but no go. Back at the office again, we called the listing agents, who weren't there, so we left messages.

The next day we had not heard from either of them. "Don't they want their listings to sell?" we asked one another. Two more phone calls and we found one agent in her office. "Oh, hi," she said, "My sellers made those keys, sorry they don't work."

Why hadn't she tried the keys herself? There is more than courtesy involved here. This agent was hired to represent her clients in a sale. If no one can get into the house, a sale will be difficult.

We never heard from the second agent. Guess she just couldn't be bothered.

Here's another one that happens far too often — incorrect information on multiple listing. We follow the showing instructions and call the owner to make an appointment to see his house, but the phone has been disconnected, so we call the agent. He isn't in his office, so we ask the agent who answers the phone if the owner has moved. She doesn't know. The office information sheet matches what we have.

Hours or days later the listing agent calls to say that the owners moved several weeks ago. The house is now vacant, all we have to do is use the lockbox.

Why wasn't this information available to us from the start? This agent is so cavalier about his responsibilities that we're hoping it won't be necessary to know him

better.

But as luck would have it, our buyers love the house. They want to write an offer. We call to get the information we will need to write a clean contract. We're hoping for the best but are not at all surprised when the agent doesn't have what we need or can't find it right now.

We muddle through and get into contract. We need the agent's help more than ever now. Papers must be signed, decisions made, timing arranged. Where is he? He's not there or he's not answering phone calls. He is not paying attention to the task at hand.

Maybe the people who hired the agents described above didn't know who they were hiring. Probably some of them do not know that their keys do not work or that their agent doesn't return phone calls or update multiple listing information. Maybe they are wondering why their houses haven't sold.

Surely, whatever the job, we would all prefer to hire someone who is competent and diligent (as well as courteous), a person who gives thoughtful attention on a continuing basis until our job is done — a professional.

How do you find a professional? Your chances will improve consid-

erably if you will check references. Before you hire an agent (or contractor, attorney, mechanic), please take the time to call at least three people the agent has recently completed work for.

No one will give you the name of a disgruntled client, but that's okay. You will get a world of information anyway from "satisfied clients." Just ask the right questions. "Were you happy with what the agent did for you? Were you able to reach him or her? Did anything go wrong?"

You'll get an earful. Probably it will be a good earful, but in case it isn't, better you know now. I'm not sure whether you'll find out if the agent is courteous to everyone. You might. Certainly you'll find out if the agent is courteous to his or her own clients.

You can find an excellent agent, a person who pays meticulous attention to you and your house, someone who knows the mechanics of selling inside out and will use them to your benefit. That's who you want.

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Hotline ...

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mechanics liens on the place for work they had done for which they had not been paid.

None of these liens ultimately interfered with the sale, but we had to make sure that the escrow officer contacted all the people who had placed these liens, received payoff demands from them, and then paid them off from the money that our side was paying into the escrow. That way the title company was able to give our buyers a clear title to the property at close of the escrow.

The title report will also give you a legal description of the property and usually a plot map so you can see the size of the lot and compare that to what you think you're buying. If the plot map shows the lot to go back 100 feet, but the listing agent said he thought it went back to beyond the redwood tree, you can measure it and find out the truth of the matter.

Q: A number of years ago my husband and I bought another house on our block. We have since rented it out. We're now thinking of selling it, but we don't want to have to pay out everything we get for it in taxes. Is there any way around this?

A: You could exchange this property for another and thus defer the taxes, but that doesn't sound like what you want to do. Probably the best thing you can do is to carry the loan on the property for the new buyer yourselves.

This saves the buyer any points they might have had to pay on the loan and it allows you to pay taxes on only the amount you actually receive each year. Hopefully, this will keep you in a lower tax bracket than if you received the whole amount at once.

Of course, if your buyer sells the house in a few years, he or she might then pay you off in full.

There's nothing you can do about it. The piper must be paid.

You should talk the situation over with your tax advisor before you do anything that might make a decision which is best for you in the long run.

Q: We have been looking at houses with an agent since the beginning of the year. She is continuing to look at places we like, what we've want. What obligation toward her?

A: You have the right to change agents any time you want. We would caution you to do anything, however. This agent has put in a lot of time and effort to find properties which might be right for you, taking you out to view them, and talking about your needs. She is doing the best she can.

It's possible that she will come on the market in a range that meets most of your criteria. And, you never know, she might lead you to the perfect home.

All this notwithstanding, I sincerely feel that she is the right agent for you, just as you no longer wish to work with her. Then talk to your real estate offices and someone you feel good about.

If it turns out that you buy a property which your agent introduced you to, you may have the right to demand the commission on the sale. But that needn't concern you; it would be worked out between you and the agent.

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vision ...

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 did we expect out of life and society? How did that tie into our Being part of the movement, we had to take our education and knowledge to help others fortunate."

Synchronicity was at work during the late 1960s and early 1970s in the Kennedy administration and the immigration laws and the population of newly arrived was more than doubled, increasing the demand for housing, job training, language education, and with care.

The first group to address these issues was the Oakland Chinese Community Council (OCCC) formed in 1968, focusing on immigrant services, elderly and youth. Prior to OCCC, the only service organizations in the Chinatown area were the conservative old guard groups such as the CACA, Chinese American Citizens Association, Wa Yee Service Club, and traditional family associations.

According to Dang, these groups were not really prepared to deal with the changes in the community. The OCCC represented the start



Visitors to the Asian Resource Center and Gallery at 310 8th St. in Oakland's Chinatown admire some of the art work displayed there.

of a new generation of social services organizations."

Andy Gee and Ted Dang were introduced to Frank Mar, a community leader and pastor and mentor,

who cemented the idea in the minds of youth to return to the community and build. Mar was instrumental in the formation of East Bay Chinese Youth Council in 1969; the Asian Law Caucus in 1960; Asian Health Services in 1972; and Asian Community Mental Health in 1971. Not surprisingly, the core of each of

these groups were young graduates from UC-Berkeley's Asian Studies movement.

Over coffee, Gee and Dang plotted their course, brainstorming plans to develop ... something. Gee was working in architectural development and Dang was in real estate appraisal. They had their eyes on

the corner of Ninth and Webster, a site BART had acquired in the 1960s. They thought the parking lot could be an ideal office site.

They had seen Bill Lem build the Silver Dragon restaurant on a BART surplus site, why couldn't they? BART wasn't ready to sell. However, there was another building on the block — a vacant warehouse. Dang was pessimistic as this was a huge property and they didn't have much financial support.

Gee said, "Of course, it was larger than we had the funds to touch. But a developer dreams and explores. We asked ourselves what should we have that is not here now? A convalescent hospital, a Chinese hospital? A community multi-service center?"

Home for social services

The brainstorming continued. They discovered there was a need to house all social services under one roof. At that time, agencies were scattered throughout the city. The Asian Law Caucus was on Park Boulevard across from the Oakland High School in a converted garage. Mental Health Services was on 17th Street. Asian Health Services was on the second floor over a church on Harrison Street.

"All of these were essentially start-up businesses in their first locations," says Dang. "We figured better-location, better-quality offices for those agencies were needed."

Dang and Gee were simply applying what they learned at Berkeley. "Still, it was a crazy idea," says Dang.

They discovered the abandoned three-story neo-gothic building was erected in 1922 for an inventor who planned to employ nearly 1,000 people in his factory for secret code-breaking machines for the U.S. Navy. Unfortunately for the inventor, the contracts with the Navy fell through and the building was sold and adapted as a warehouse for the

Lyon Moving Company. For 40 years, the building, decorated with exotic terra cotta tile, stood like a bride at the altar waiting for a prince.

Dang and Gee gathered two colleagues from architectural school at Berkeley, Danny Young and Vicky Fong, and toured the building. Boards covered the windows, doorways became catchalls for debris.

"It was an immense, dark, damp, cold, concrete structure," recalls Dang. "The concrete was so strong, they had parked cars and trucks on every floor on these ramps. I was born and raised in Chinatown and I had passed by this place a zillion times. These ideas we had were ambitious, but complied with basic development criteria — find a need and try to meet that need. But we needed some guidance."

The group took their idea to Jim Ishimaru, who taught architecture at UC Berkeley at the time.

Dang sits in his office now, chuckling at the "short lecture on economics" he received from Ishimaru. "He was encouraging," says Dang. Ishimaru said, "If you can do this, and this, and that ... there is no reason you cannot do this project."

Meanwhile, Ishimaru, now a prominent architect in Oakland, whose firm IDG Architects master planned and designed the 12-block City Center, thinks back to when Andy Gee and Ted Dang came into his classroom.

"These two kids came to me and I spent time at a blackboard with them thinking, these young kids don't understand the magnitude of this project. It is not realistic. I thought this is stupid. How do you expect social services to support a building?"

Still, Ishimaru realized that community services lived on a precarious edge, relying on year-to-year funding, rarely having a safe place to stay and often losing leases. These

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organizations needed a reliable space.

He introduced the concept of a community development which would combine government and private grants to reduce the mortgage with market-rate tenants and discounted rental rates for non-profits to provide the positive cash flow needed for the project's financial security. He joined the steering committee and eventually became the architect transforming the warehouse into the grand structure it is today.

After meeting with Ishimaru, the still-unnamed project began to take on momentum. Ishimaru referred the group to Pauline Fong, an economic consultant with Asian Inc. in San Francisco. Asian Inc. had begun just a few years earlier to help Asian-Americans establish businesses. Fong had a masters degree in economics and experience with the Small Business Administration. She became a crucial advisor to the steering committee, identifying and writing applications for government and private grants.

Fong brought in Paul Faberman, an Oakland real estate developer, to bring a real world economic discipline to the project and to package the economics so funding sources could understand the proposal. Faberman was to play a critical role as the financial "dealmaker" during the long months of presentations to follow.

Dog and pony show

Soon after that, the young visionaries started what Ted Dang calls the "dog and pony show." Danny Young built a scaled model of the building after the proposed rehabilitation. It was made of cardboard, about the size of a desk top and you could lift off the roof to see how each floor would be laid out. They took it to every community group in town proposing their idea, soliciting support, and offering space in the building.

Right away the group met all of the community leaders. Most said,

"thanks, but no thanks, good luck," or, "you're a bunch of kids — what do you know." By that time, Dang was working in the real estate business as an acquisition agent. For several months, during the noon hour, he would take the model around to lunch meetings. "I would just tell my boss I was going to show property," Dang laughs. "And I was carrying around this cardboard box!"

One of these meetings was at the Asian Health Services where Rev. Frank Mar was a member of the board. He offered his support and opened doors at the OCCC which became the group's fiscal

\$4,000 by asking \$25 contributions per "share." They had a long way to go and many fund-raisers to follow. Dang recalls one weekend selling almond jello at a community fair for a quarter a cup.

Even with this great optimism, EBALDC found itself in trouble because they had used all the funds raised, and money was needed to repay the \$25,000 loan used to secure the purchase option. Gerald Leo, then chairman of the board, and Paul Chann, executive director, together with the technical team, made presentation after presentation to an untold number of funding sources.

'After the free speech days, we learned we should, if we ever had the chance, go back to our respective communities and make a contribution.'

—TED DANG

agent to collect funds for the project until they were incorporated.

Pauline Fong told the group they needed an accountant and suggested Jack Chu, who had just graduated from Berkeley as a CPA. From the Asian Law Caucus came Russell Kubota. The group grew to include 15 people.

At that time, Pauline Fong suggested incorporating the group as a local development corporation; that way they could tap into EDA and SBA funds. They held on to their impossible dream and in 1975, incorporated as the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation.

EBALDC borrowed \$25,000 from a local Japanese-American family and used it to obtain an option to purchase the property and began the long process of raising funds.

"At the time, we estimated the project would cost \$1.5 million," says Dang. "And we didn't have a nickel." Nor did they consider that the project costs would grow to over \$4 million.

The group devised several money-making schemes. The first brochure said, "Share in the Future of Your Community." They raised

EBALDC's fairy godfather appeared as Hugh Taylor, the local Economic Development Administration representative who strongly supported the project and assisted in obtaining EDA grants and loans. Eventually, a complicated layered financing package was worked out combining a major grant from EDA, debt and equity financing from the Ford Foundation and Cowell Foundation, and debt financing from the Security Pacific Bank.

City Councilmember Frank Ogawa was proud to have been one of the project's strongest supporters and was instrumental in getting the City of Oakland to provide financial assistance to the project. The EDA, the Ford and Cowell foundations, and Security Pacific Bank, armed with statistical project information and infected with the enthusiasm of the EBALDC board and volunteers, bought into the project and made the funding commitments.

Eventually, the money to purchase the building from Lyons came through and the building was ac-

quired in September, 1978. When the work was completed in 1982, costs added up to \$5,500,000. The wall-breaking ceremony took place on the second floor of the building in February, 1980, starring a hammer-wielding Gerald Leo, chairman of the board and president of EBALDC, who successfully steered EBALDC through the critical fundraising and construction years.

The Grand Opening

On March 28, 1981, six years after incorporation as a non-profit, EBALDC held its Grand Opening.

The Economic Strategy — The combining of government and private grants and private financing with leasing revenue from professional offices on the upper floor, and commercial lease revenue along Harrison Street on the first floor, generates rental subsidy for the social services agencies occupying the middle level — and most importantly, a continuing source of cash to support EBALDC's community goals.

A "Gallery Path" through the core of the building features changing exhibitions of Asian and Asian-American culture which reflects the crucial link between downtown Oakland and the traditional Chinatown neighborhood.

EBALDC is now a powerful political force in Oakland's Chinatown as an advocate and successful developer of low-income housing. The staff has grown from being manned by volunteer energy to a board of directors who are established professionals. The average tenure of the current board members is seven years.

Looking back, Jim Ishimaru laughs as he recalls sitting in Andy Gee's basement surrounded by model trains and Ted Dang's garage full of comic books during the many planning meetings for the Asian Resource Center.

The funding for the interviews and writing of this article were donated by Jim H. Ishimaru to honor those few individuals who contributed their time, money, and creativity during the early years to implement their vision.

Events

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents The Bungalow: Tradition and Transformation, Thurs., Aug. 31, 7 - 10 p.m. \$35. Registration required. Call 525-7619.

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AESTHETICIAN, experienced, full-time for full service salon. Good pay with benefits. Call 895-8137.

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Assistant position available at busy, friendly Oakland hills salon. Are you a people person? Salary plus benefits, full or part-time. Licenses required. 510-451-2700.

405 Employment Exchange

MATURE (37), sophisticated, quiet, straight, professional, childless woman left board room for classroom. Seeks studio/ 1 room or cottage exchange for secretarial, personal assistance or light manual duties. Multi-talented, clean living, honest, flexible. References: 414-9244.

ROOM with graduate student. Exchange for light housekeeping, gardening. Private room, share bathroom/ kitchen. 893-0724.

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627.

LATINO Collective. Workers seek employment in gardening, housecleaning, painting, construction, odd jobs. Try us! 595-0346.

NURSE Assistant/ Companion seeks home care in your home. Honest, caring, reliable. Doris 261-6240.

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

WANTED dependable driver to transport paraplegic woman in her van, with wheelchair lift, to Holy Names College on weekday mornings and pick her up afternoons. Your time is free between the two trips (while the van remains in her garage at Vernon/ Santa Clara Streets, Oakland). If you live near/ and have a clean DMV record call Jan at 510-528-5102.

AU PAIR for senior citizen. Car, references required. Compassionate, understanding. Room/ board/ salary. Oakland. 272-0733.

HOUSEKEEPER/ cook errands. 3- 5 late afternoons a week. Shopping, cooking, light housekeeping. Berkeley, Claremont area. Car necessary. No live-in. References. (510)843-0728.

LIVE-IN attendant/ companion to share a bright home in North Oakland. Must be bright, with disabled man, 48, in kitchen, 1 room, board and salary. Approximately 15 work days a month. 510-841-3324.

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409 Childcare Wanted

NANNY Job: Mothers In-Need has immediate openings in East Bay. Full-time and part-time, top salaries. (415)461-7755.

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CHILDCARE, bilingual French/ English. Must drive. Montclair District. References required 430-7301.

CHILDCARE in Berkeley/ Oakland Hills for 2 year old girl 2-3 afternoons per week. Must have car for pick-up. Light housekeeping. Experience and references. 548-5584 or 548-6194.

CARING, responsible live-in for 2 children in Rockridge. Driving, light housekeeping. 1-8 p.m. Benefits. 703-833-2960; 510-547-6864.

PIEDMONT mom needs help, about 10 hours/ week, \$8 hour. Must have car, references. 653-1476.

MILLS student to share after school hours (3-6:30) with Mills second grade student. Live-in studio cottage near Montclair Village. Non-smoker; own reliable car required. 415-442-1328; 510-339-3664.

MOTHERS helper. Monday-Friday 3- 6 p.m. for 10 year old twins in Oakland Hills area. Car required, experience preferred, salary negotiable. 531-4197.

AU PAIR Nanny needed to provide loving care for infant and after school care for 5 and 6 year old. Monday- Friday. Salary negotiable. Call 833-2273, Be in Our Care Agency.

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EXPERIENCED caregiver for 5 year old girl in Montclair home. 3 afternoons/ week. Must have car and CDL, experience and references required. English speaking. Call 841-9717.

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410 Shared Childcare

Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing, management and a unique product position.

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503 Financial Services

NEED Investment planning for retirement, college, taxes, investing? I'm a Chartered Financial Analyst. Alex 531-6357.

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EXPERIENCED caregiver for part-time care of our 2 boys ages 6 and 8. Hours flexible, but approximately 1:30-6:30, Monday-Friday. Rockridge, near Claremont Hotel. 655-4887.

CHILD CARE Crocker Highlands. 3-7 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays. 2 boys, ages 8, 11. Own car, CDL. Additional hours possible. 836-3770.

LOVING childcare for infant, occasionally 4 year old. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, approximately 25/ week. Experienced, car, English speaking. 548-9224.

PART-TIME childcare for two girls: 7, 10. Monday-Friday 3- 6 p.m. Orinda. Must speak English, have own car. 654-3515.

EXPERIENCE babysitter/ housekeeper needed for 6 year old girl in North Berkeley. 10-20 hours per week. Wednesday and Thursday and some Fridays; some early morning and later evenings. Excellent English, flexibility, references, own car and at least one year old commitment required. If interested please call (510)841-3317.

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tential runners, St. Mary's had its biggest-ever turnout last week: nearly 35 runners, including three girls in the school's first year as a coed school.

In its first year with female students, St. Mary's has an approximate enrollment of 110 girls, limited to the freshman and sophomore grades.

Co-captains of the 1995 boys cross country team will be senior Mark Miguel and sophomore Ben Manitas. Miguel currently is out indefinitely with an injury, but Manitas is expected to be the team's top runner. He ran on the varsity last year and set the league record at the frosh-soph meet.

"Ben accepts the challenge of being our No. 1 runner and team co-captain, even though he's just a sophomore," said Mason. "He's ready, he wants it. He's a good contrast to Jonevan, who hated cross country and loved track. Ben loves both sports."

The other senior on the 1995 team is Jason Torres, a member of the Junior Olympic ski team. He is expected to help, but may have some schedule conflicts in November when the ski season starts.

His younger brother, Ryan, a freshman, and also a skier, will also be running for the Panthers this fall. Mason loves the work ethic of his two skiers.

"These guys are in great shape," he said. "During dry land training for his ski team this summer, Ryan would get up at 5 a.m. and run 3-

5 miles before his ski training. As the cross country coach, I'm getting lucky."

Sophomore Mike Arp put up some big numbers on the varsity track team during the spring, running a 2:03 in the 800-meters. He's a big fan of Jonevan and is expected to immediately be a contributor.

James Jarosz, a sophomore and younger brother of Jordan, the top runner for St. Mary's in 1994, spent some time at the Humboldt State running camp this summer to prepare for this season.

"James has grown since last year; he's a little bigger and much stronger," said Mason. We expect him to be our No. 2 runner."

Another sophomore, Scott McKenna, ran track last spring

and prepared for the cross country season by logging a lot of miles during the summer. Those miles translate to improved times on the course in 1995.

Freshman Joey Manante is also expected to help, bringing a lot of enthusiasm that is much needed.

Colin Davis, a sophomore, is a throwback to the Panther team of 1990 which was ranked No. 8 in the state and won the North Coast Section.

"He brings a sense of realism to the team," said Mason. "He makes you see things from the standpoint of the runners, not the coach. His contribution to the team will be great."

"A lot of cross country is chemistry. Everything is geared now for the future," Mason continued.

"We have a good group of kids who all have a great attitude. By next year, this will be a very good team."

Success always takes time to achieve, and Mason more than anyone understands the process.

"We were 4-40 in the four years I ran for St. Mary's," he said. "Since I've been coaching, we've gone 52-11. But this year we're not going to win the league. That'll be between Bishop O'Dowd and Piedmont. We'll win our share of meets this year, and we'll be back in the hunt next year."

St. Mary's opens its season on Sept. 16 at the Ed Sias Invitational in Martinez, a cross country meet with 15-20 of the top teams in the East Bay. Mason admits it'll be as much a test for the runner as for the coaches.

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Now that the board can think about things like the best use of volunteers, she sees two needed components.

"We need someone or an organization to help with volunteers," she said, noting that some schools are more successful than others with volunteers.

Ortega said that as the board is now free to work on strategic planning, volunteers will play a crucial part.

"We have set both short term and long term goals," she said. "The use of volunteers is one of (them)."

Ortega said that what appears to be poor community or parent involvement in the schools is in part the result of the fact that "these are no longer neighborhood schools." The secondary students, especially, are being moved away to other schools, but the situation is the same for elementary

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